

OUR PORTER FAMILY BICENTENNIAL TOUR

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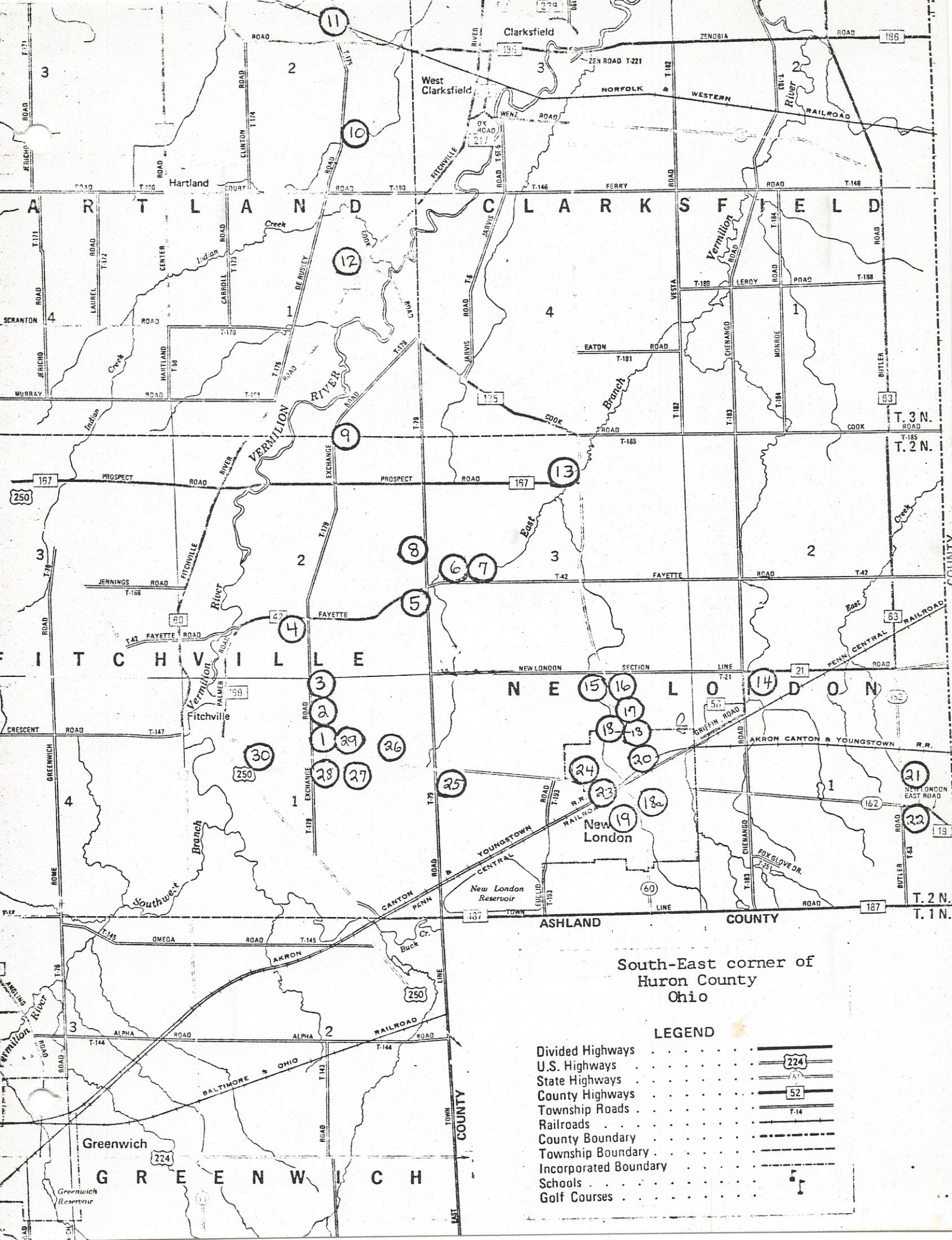
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South-East corner of
Huron County
Ohio

LEGEND

- Divided Highways
- U.S. Highways
- State Highways
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- Township Roads
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- County Boundary
- Township Boundary
- Incorporated Boundary
- Schools
- Golf Courses

INTRODUCTION

This Bicentennial Tour of the home sites, birth places and homes of the Porter Family and their ancestors in Fitchville, Hartland, and New London area was undertaken to show the present children where their ancestors had lived and where they were buried, and give them an appreciation of their heritage.

We visited the graves of twenty of the childrens first through fifth great grandparents, in six cemeteries. This trip covered some thirty miles covering a period of time of five hours. We also took a picnic lunch with us and ate beneath a large tree which was perhaps as old as our first ancestor in this area.

We are enclosing a map which gives an idea of the scope of our trip and the route we took, that in the future they will be able to relocate these places:

Also within this booklet is a family tree which gives a bare outline of the family and their relationship to one another. I tried to tell the children who these people were and how related but realize they cannot remember it all, hence this material has been put together for their help, enjoyment and remembrance.

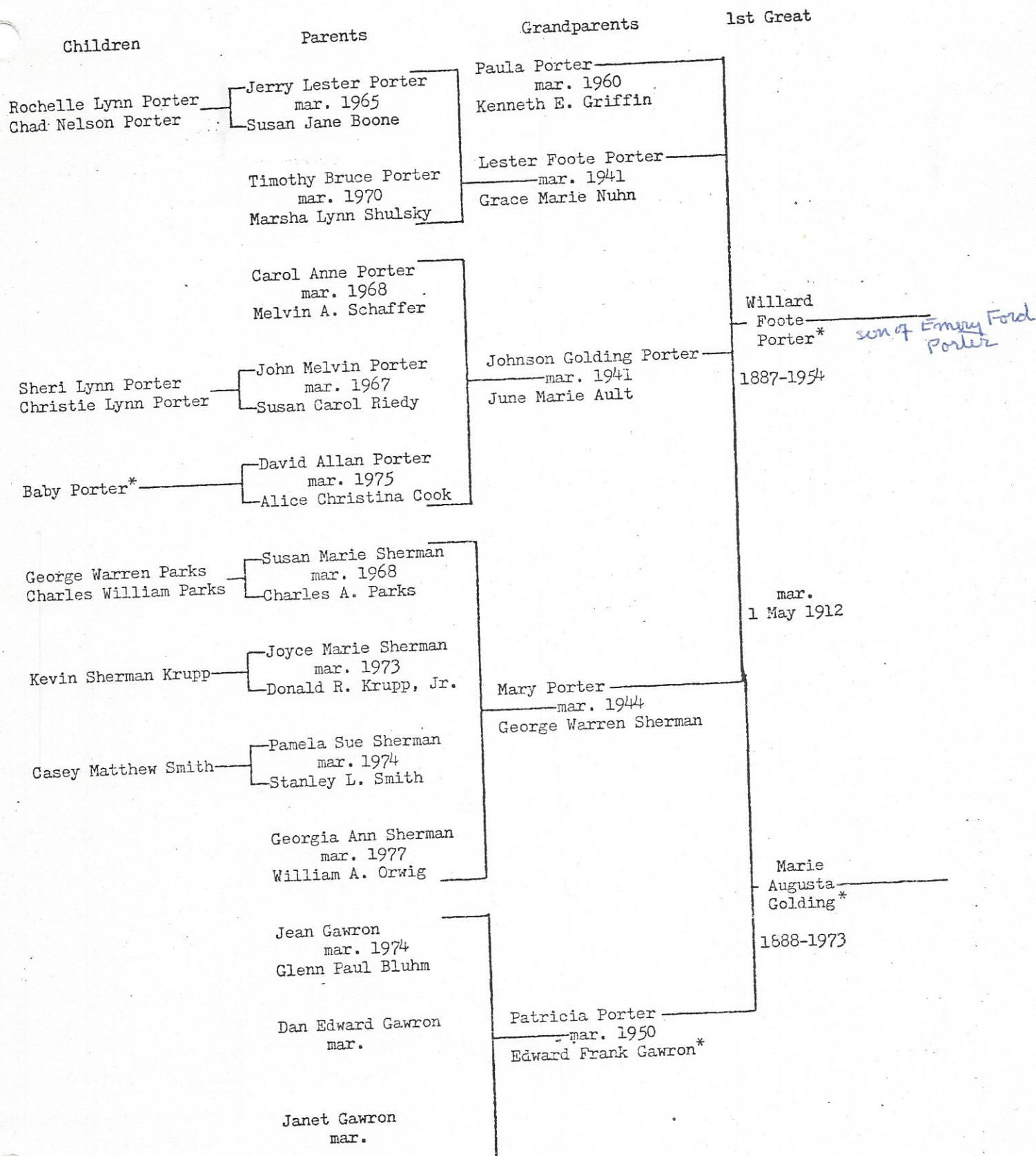
Also I have asked each of the four children to write their own account of the trip and these we will include along with the materials I have which gives a thumbnail sketch of the various ancestors.

I tried to take pictures of the children in some of the various places we visited, however some of them did not turn out, so have substituted pictures which I already had which still tell the story.

I had hoped to take them on the same tour on my Mother, Marie A. (Golding) Porter's side of the family but we got too tired. This will hopefully be another trip someday which we may add to this material.

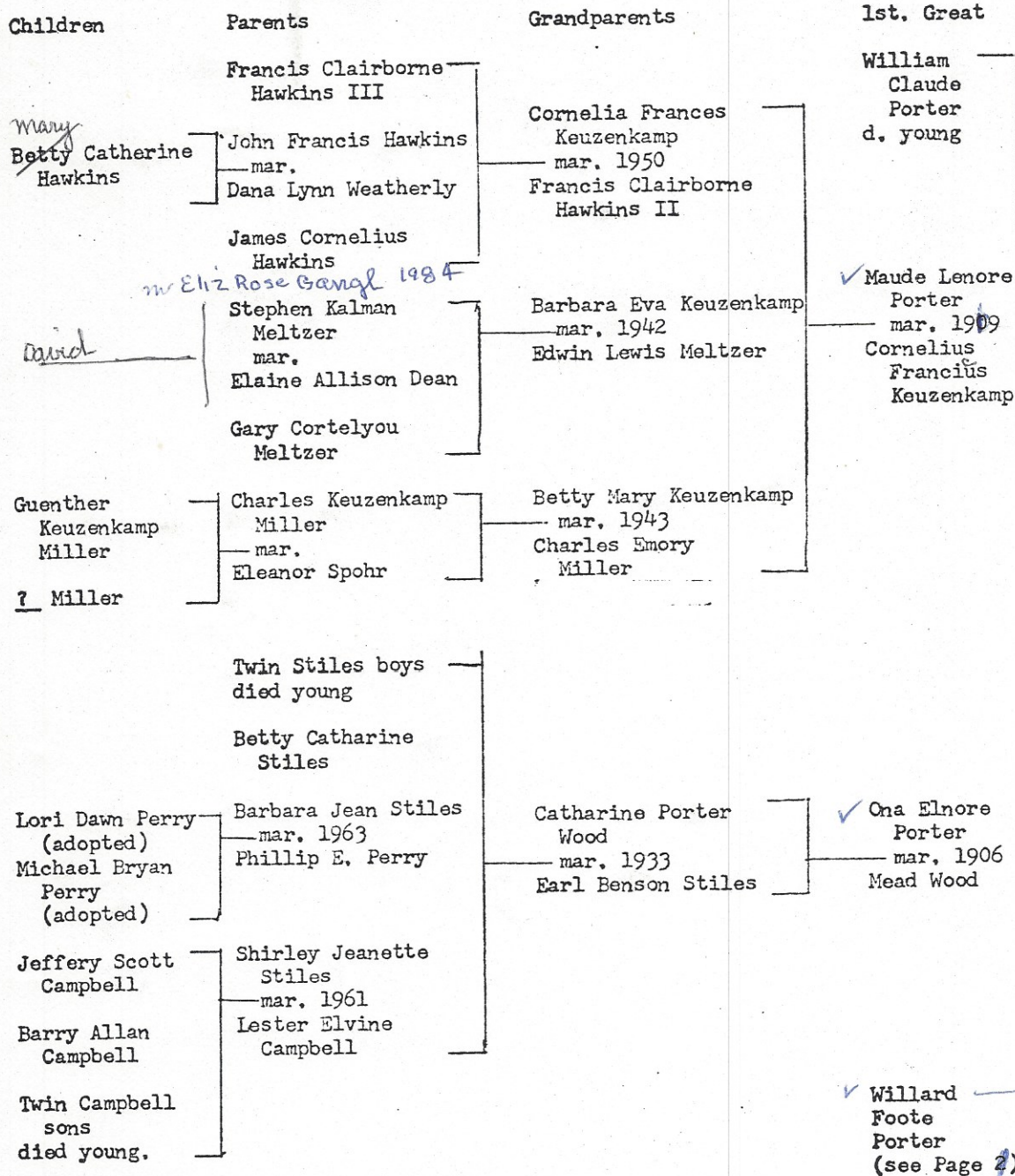
This trip was a trip back into our past, where our ancestors lived, what they did, how they did things, some of the hardships and joys they had, and where they were laid to rest when this life was over. It was a trip we all shall remember.

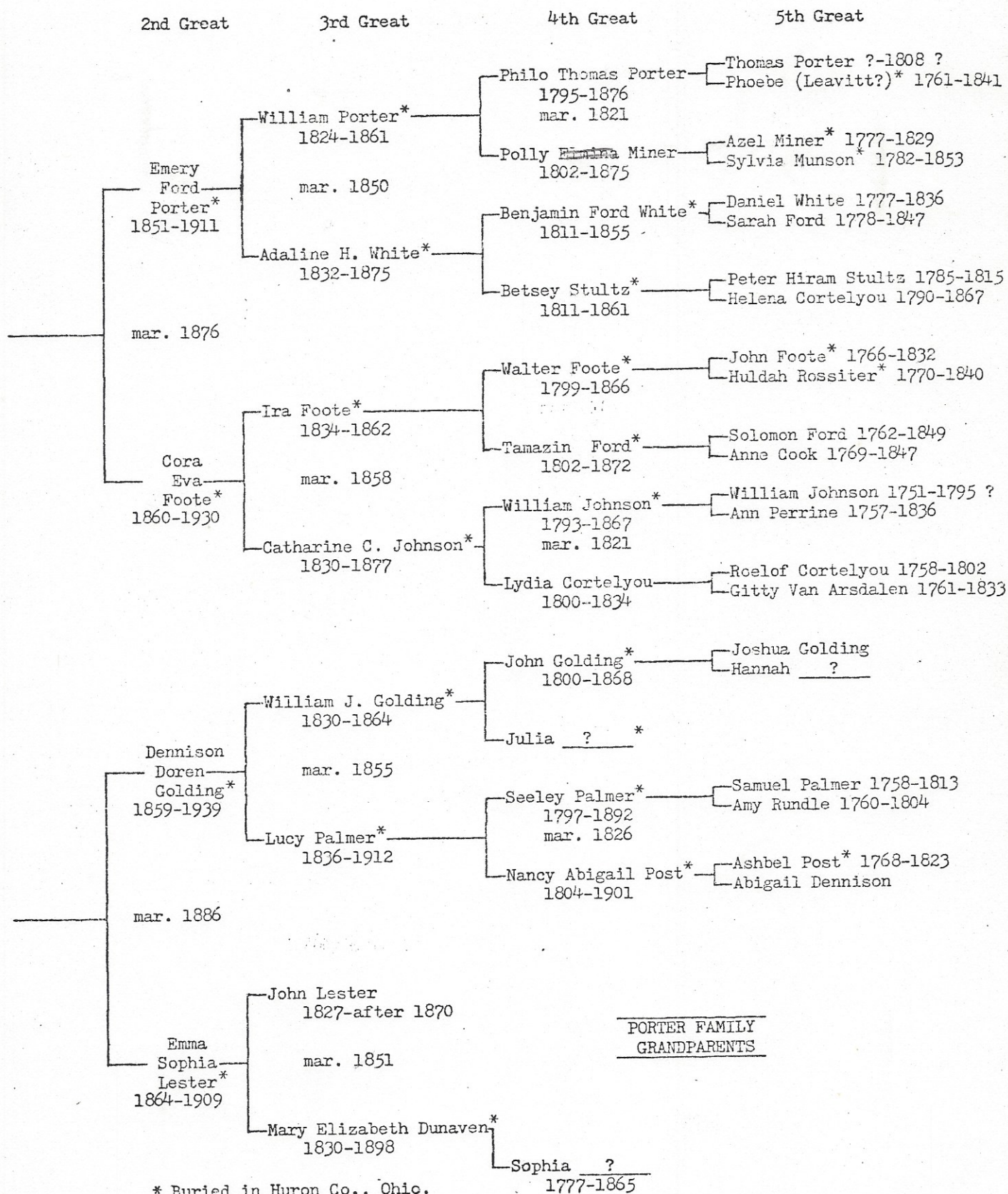
- Paula Porter Griffin



Children of
Emery Ford Porter
(4)

Descendants of Emery Ford Porter and wife Cora Eva Foote
(Their Ancestors found on page 3)





William Porter*
1824-1861

mar. 1850

Adaline H. White*
1832-1875

mar. 1858

Ira Foote*
1834-1862

Catharine C. Johnson*
1830-1877

William J. Golding*
1830-1864

Lucy Palmer*
1836-1912

Philo Thomas Porter
1795-1876
mar. 1821

Polly ~~Elmina~~ Miner
1802-1875

Benjamin Ford White*
1811-1855

Betsey Stultz*
1811-1861

Walter Foote*
1799-1866

Tamazin Ford*
1802-1872

William Johnson*
1793-1867
mar. 1821

Lydia Cortelyou
1800-1834

John Golding*
1800-1868

Julia ? *

Seeley Palmer*
1797-1892
mar. 1826

Nancy Abigail Post*
1804-1901

Thomas Porter ?-1808 ?
Phoebe (Leavitt?)* 1761-1841

Azel Miner* 1777-1829
Sylvia Munson* 1782-1853

Daniel White 1777-1836
Sarah Ford 1778-1847

Peter Hiram Stultz 1785-1815
Helena Cortelyou 1790-1867

John Foote* 1766-1832
Huldah Rossiter* 1770-1840

Solomon Ford 1762-1849
Anne Cook 1769-1847

William Johnson 1751-1795 ?
Ann Perrine 1757-1836

Roelof Cortelyou 1758-1802
Gitty Van Arsdalen 1761-1833

Joshua Golding
Hannah ?

Samuel Palmer 1758-1813
Amy Rundle 1760-1804

Ashbel Post* 1768-1823
Abigail Dennison

PORTER FAMILY
GRANDPARENTS

* Buried in Huron Co., Ohio.

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OUR PORTER FAMILY BICENTENNIAL TOUR

On August 21, 1976 Rochelle Lynn Porter, generally called Shelli, and Chad Nelson Porter children of Jerry Lester and Susan Jane (Boone) Porter; and Sheri Lynn Porter and her sister Christie Lynn Porter, daughters of John Melvin and Susan Carol (Riedy) Porter accompanied by their great aunt, Paula Porter Griffin went on a Bicentennial Tour of the birth places, burial places and homes of their ancestors on the Porter side of the family in Fitchville, Hartland and New London area.

We started about 9:00 o'clock on Saturday morning with Aunt Paula picking up Shelli and Chad at their home in Fitchville Township on State Route #162, Section 1, Lot 18. and proceeding to the home of Sheri and Christie on Exchange Road just north of Route 162 in Section 1, Lot 16 & 17 to pick them up.

STOP #1. Exchange Road about 1/8 mile north of State Route 162 on the right hand side of the road.

We started at the home of Sheri and Christie as this was the first place of our ancestor tour. The home of their parents John and Sue Porter is built on two acres of land with .41 acres of land on the north side of the lot being land which was deeded to Ira Foote (their great, great, great, grandfather) by Almon and Laura Barnes containing 28 acres of land on January 22, 1861. Here in the north west corner of the two acre lot stood the log cabin in which Ira Foote, his wife Catharine C. (Johnson) Foote lived with their daughter Cora Eva.

Catharine C. Johnson had married John Milo Foote, January 18, 1855 but he died the following year on March 29, 1856 without any children. He had attended Oberlin College before his marriage. Then on September 7, 1858 Catharine Foote married second his brother Ira Foote, and they at one time lived in the log cabin until his death on March 29, 1862, leaving a little daughter Cora Eva Foote who was only a little over two years old. When Aunt Paula was a little girl there were still wild pink roses and corn lilies marking the site of the old log cabin.

STOP #2. Just over the hill from Stop #1 going on north on Exchange Road.

As we proceeded north on exchange road, just at the base of the hill from where Sheri and Christie live along this road and just south of the driveway to the new home Johnson Porter started building in 1976 was the old well laid up with stones where the water was gotten for the log cabin. When Aunt Paula was a little girl the well was still open and five walnut trees were standing in a cluster around the well. This well was filled in and the trees cleaned off by your great grandfather Willard Foote Porter when Aunt Paula was still a girl living at home.

STOP #3. One fourth mile north of State Route 162 on Exchange Road on the right side of the road. The Johnson Porter home in Fitchville Township, Section 1, Lot 34. Today home of David Porter.

It was on this land, the site of the present set of farm building which now stands, that Ira Foote built his new barn. Aunt Ona Porter Wood, a sister of your great grandfather Willard Foote Porter tells that Ira Foote very soon after he was married worked very hard cutting timber and hauling it to the saw mill for lumber to build a barn. The following spring he built the old barn which now stands on the farm. In his will he states: "I give to my infant daughter 35 acres of land lying on the north of the above named Barnes Place, formerly owned by J.M. Foote on which my new barn stands."

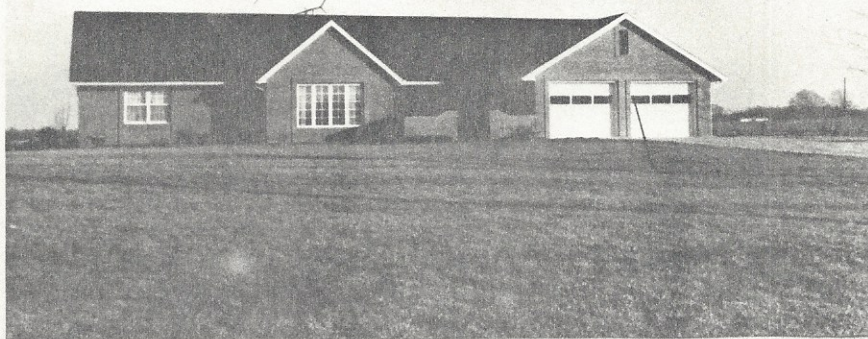
Ira Foote the next winter cut logs and hauled them to build a large house but he was taken sick in January and died the following March on 29th day of 1862. His wife Catharine sold the surplus lumber but saved enough to build a small tenant house. As a girl Aunt Paula can remember the large lone cedar tree standing just to the south of the front door, a stark reminder that her husband was dead when she built the house, as there would have been two trees planted if her husband had been alive when the house was built.

In this house Willard Foote Porter, her grandson, lived and batched it for two years before he was married. During Aunt Paula's childhood the south end of the living room which was in the south west corner of the house was opened on the south end to make a room to house our first car. The two bedrooms on the north end of the house were used for brooder rooms for baby chicks. Each bedroom having a hard coal brooder with 500 baby chicks under each brooder in the spring of the year. The roosters were sold as broilers and the pullets were kept through the winter for laying hens and the eggs were sold.

The upstairs of the house was used to store the sap pans, sap pails and other equipment for making maple syrup. Your great grandfather Willard Foote Porter used to make maple syrup every year when Aunt Paula was a little girl. In the woods there was a sugar bush where sap gathered from the maple trees was boiled down into syrup in long pans over an open fire. After the sap was boiled down into syrup it was brought to the house where your great grandmother Marie A. Porter put it in a smaller sap pan which covered the whole top of the big iron kitchen stove which had to be fed wood to make it burn. Eggs were cracked into the syrup to gather the sediment out of the syrup. After the syrup had boiled down to at least twelve pounds per gallon, the syrup was strained into one gallon tin cans.

Every year my father made maple syrup we save fifty gallons of syrup for our own use during the next year. This took the place of much of our sugar, and the rest was sold. We used this syrup on pancakes, fried mush, in cakes, in frosting, in cooking and to make candy. Sometimes we made

STOP 1.



Home of John Melvin Porter which he built himself and finished in 1974. Site of Ira Foot's Log Cabin.



Catharine C. Johnson married second Ira Foote after her husband had died and had one daughter Cora Eva Foote

Your great, great,
great
grandparents,
Ira and Catharine
(Johnson) Foote.



Ira Foote



Left:
Catharine C.
Johnson and her
first husband John
Foote, a brother
of Ira Foote.



STOP 2.

Home of Johnson Golding Porter which they moved into in July 1977. Not quite completed.

also

Site of well for Ira Foote's log cabin.

Christmas
1976
The
Johnson Porter
Family.



Left to Right:
Front row: Sheri Porter and Christy Porter daughters of John and Susan (Riedy) Porter; Carol Anne (Porter) Schaffer.
Back row: Susan Carol (Riedy) Porter ; husband John Melvin Porter; mother June Marie (Ault) Porter; father Johnson Golding Porter; and son in law Melvin Anthony Schaffer.
Not pictured: David Allan Porter and wife Alice Christina (Cook) Porter.

maple sugar cakes to eat. The syrup was boiled down until it became quite thick. Then it was stirred and stirred until it became like fudge and then it was poured into muffin tins to make little maple sugar cakes. We loved this sugar candy and ate it until we had the stomach ache.

Sometimes we made Wax on Snow. Maple syrup was boiled down until when poured from a big kitchen spoon on a dish pan full of clean packed snow it would stay on the top of the snow in a broad waxy string. Then we would take forks and roll the wax candy up onto our forks and eat it. This was one of the great delights of our childhood. This was the candy of your grandpa's and Aunt Paula's childhood along with maple sugar cakes and fudge which our mother used to make which also contained some maple syrup with black walnuts, which we cracked.

In later years the second floor was lowered in this old house to make it a complete two story chicken coop for laying hens. New siding from our woods was put on the outside and new windows were put in which were shorter. Later Johnson Porter kept some hogs on the ground floor after the flooring had been torn out. Its last use was for storing farm machinery after the north end of the old house was opened up. This old house built about 1862 or 1863 by Catharine Foote, your great, great, great grandmother, originally had a living room, two small bedrooms, a long kitchen with a pantry on one end. In the kitchen was a trap door which lifted up with some very steep steps which went down into a little sort of cellar under about one-fourth of the house. Here in this cellar they stored their potatoes, squash, apples, onions and any other food for winter. This old house which has been used in so many ways was torn down in 1976 by Johnson Porter.

When Aunt Paula and your grandfather's were little we used to crawl up a little walnut tree, which is still standing, at the left hand corner of the house at the back and crawl over on to the roof of the house. Then we would climb up to the ridge roll of the house and slide down the roof catching our feet on the eave trough to stop our slid. We never slid except on the back side of the house because it had a long sloping roof line which made it a good slid and in our eyes was not dangerous, however when your great grandmother Porter caught us she certainly got after us about it and down we came.

Willard Foote Porter your great grandfather, was born December 28, 1887 in New London township the son of Emery Ford Porter and his wife Cora Eva Foote, on the old William Porter farm north of New London. While he was living on the farm which belonged to his grandmother Catharine Foote in the old house that she had built, he started cutting timber out of the woods for a home and in the spring of 1912 he started to build the home where David Porter now lives. He married Marie Augusta Golding daughter of Dennison Doren Golding and his wife Emma Sophia Lester, on May 1, 1912. They lived in the old house until their new home was finished.

Here in this new home all of their children were born: Paula born March 24, 1913; Lester Foote born June 30, 1914; Johnson Golding born November 6, 1916; Mary born April 26, 1921; and Patricia born September 17, 1928.

North of the land where the buildings are is another tract of 100 37/100 acres of land which was purchased by Walter Foote on December 5, 1848 from Ralph J. Bush and his wife Elizabeth Bush, Grace Bush, Sarah R. Bush and Charlotte St. John. This land Walter Foote the father of John M, Ira, and George Foote deeded to his granddaughter Cora Eva Foote daughter of his son Ira on January 31, 1867.

The whole farm of land formerly owned by various members of the Foote family contained 178 37/100 acres of land with the first parcel being that bought by Walter Foote (your great, great, great, great grandfather) on December 5, 1848.

STOP 4 Pickard Cemetery on Fayette Road just west of Exchange Road, Fitchville Township, Section 1, Lot 9.

In this cemetery is found the graves of your great, great, great, great, great grandparents John Foote and his wife Huldah Rossiter. Their tombstones read as follows:

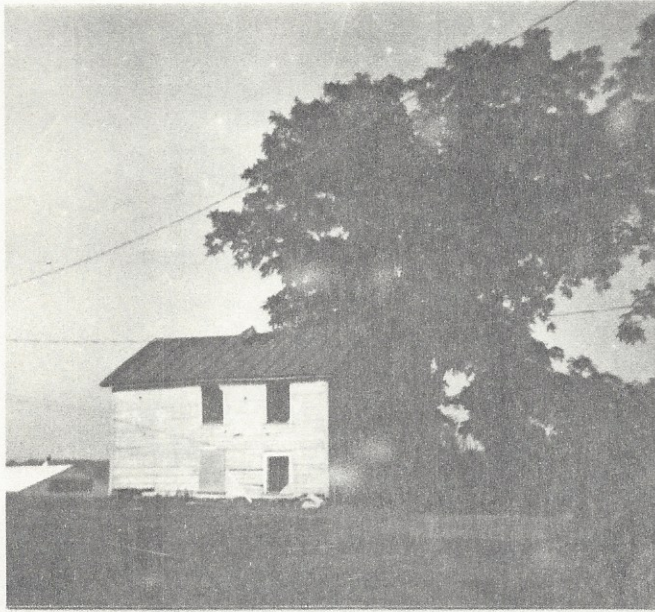
"In Memory of John Foot, died November 29, 1832 age 66 years, 8 months and 3 days."

"In Memory of Huldah wife of John Foot, died April 12, 1840" (age is gone - stone is broken) She was aged 70 years, 1 month and 26 days.

John 6 Foote(Aaron 5, Moses 4, Nathaniel 3, Robert 2, Nathaniel 1) was born March 26, 1766 in either Harwinton, Connecticut or Sheffield, Massachussets, the son of Aaron and Mary (Bronson) Foote. He married Huldah Rossiter who was born in Harwinton and they came to Huron County, Fitchville township, Ohio from Sheffield, Mass sometime prior to November 29, 1832 when he died. Possibly they came in the year of 1832. It is believed that his son Walter Foote and his wife Tamazine Ford probably came at the same time and in the Fireland Pioneers it states that Walter Foote came from Sheffield in 1832. See much information on this family in Nathaniel Foote Genealogy by Abram W. Foote on page 154 His ancestor Nathaniel Foote came from England.

Huldah 6 Rossiter (Jonathan 5, 4, Josiah 3, Bray or Bryan 2, Edward 1) wife of John Foote was born 17 February 1770 in Harwinton, Connecticut, the daughter of Jonathan 5 Rossetter and Millecient Catling who were married November 15, 1757. Edward 1 Rossiter was our emigrant ancestor from Somerset, England and his son Bray came to America in the ship Mary and John in 1630. Dr. Bray was a physician in Dorchester, Mass. in 1631 and later moved to Windsor, Ct. in 1639.

STOP 3.



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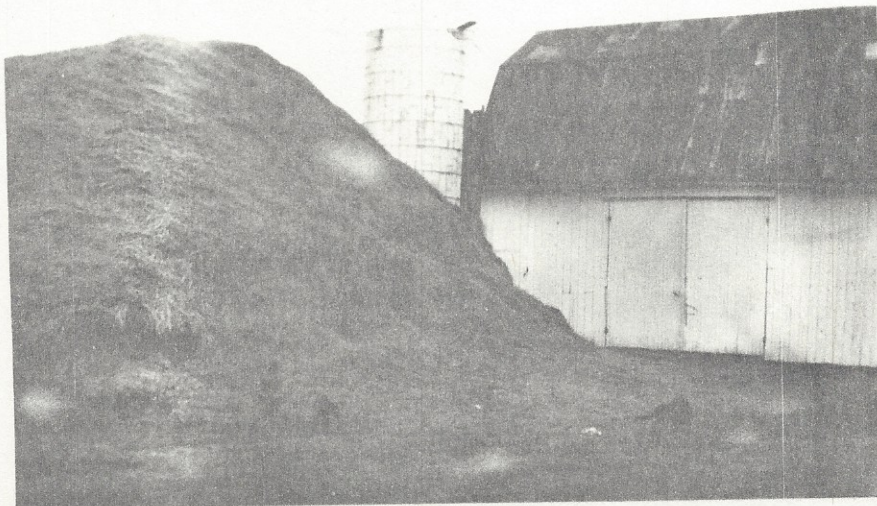
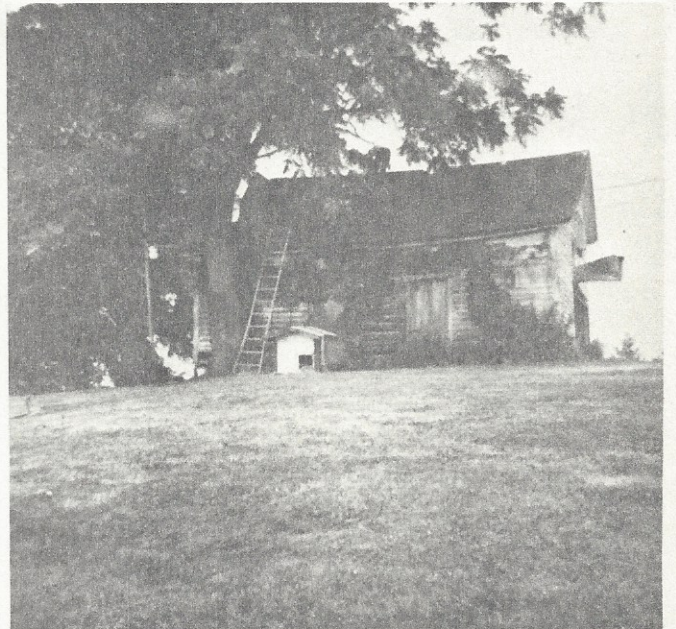
Front view of home built about 1862 by Catharine C. (Johnson) Foote after the death of her husband Ira.

Below:

Back of same home showing roof where we used to slide down and the walnut tree we crawled up to get on the roof. This torn down in 1975 by Johnson Porter.



Catharine C. (Johnson) Foote and daughter Cora Eva.



Left:

Barn built by Ira Foote about 1860. Note straw stack. Picture taken when Aunt Paula was a girl at home.

STOP 3. Ira Foote Farm



Home built by Willard F. Porter in 1912. Timbers for this house were taken from the woods on this farm by Willard. His children Paula, Lester Foote, Johnson Golding, Mary and Patricia Porter were all born in this house. Johnson raised his family here and it is now the home of his son David, the 6th. generation on farm.



married

Willard Foote Porter - May 1, 1912 - Marie Augusta Golding

STOP 5. Walter Foote farm in Fitchville township, Section 2, Lot 22. About one and one-half mile east of Pickard's Cemetery on Fayette Road.

We continued east on Fayette Road until we approached a set of buildings with the house on the right and the barn on the left side of the road. Bruce A. Hammamm lives there today, but in Aunt Paula's generation it was always known as the Bill Stewart place. Walter Foote bought this farm in 1835 and built the house in 1839. Here in this house in the bedroom on the west side of the house your great, great, grandmother Cora Eva Foote was born on January 30, 1860. Although her name was Cora Eva she always went by the name of Eva and in later years signed her name Eva F. Porter. The house originally had been built a little further east and closer to the corner but the land was low in there, so about 1908 we believe it was probably moved up on the hill where it now stands and it was probably at this time that the wing or shed part was moved to the Homer Johnson farm. At the time of Walter Foote's death he willed this farm to his son George. George married Philena Johnson, a sister of Catharine C. Johnson and they lived here in this house.

Your great, great, great, great grandfather Walter Foote according to the 1853 tax records in the Court House in Norwalk owned a lot of land running north from where he lived. This land was located in Section 2, and included all of Lot 22 where the house is built, and parts of Lots 20, 23, and 31 making a total of 161 one-fourth acres in this farm. He also owned another 100 one-half acres of the farm where Johnson Golding Porter lived and another 50 acres of land on the north side of Jennings road at the east corner of Jennings and State Route 250. This made him a total of 311 and three-fourths acres of land in Fitchville township.

STOP 6. John Marquis farm, New London township, Section 3, Lot 23. Hosea Townsend- Homer H. Johnson place.

We proceeded on east on Fayette road a short distance beyond the corner to the big house on the hill which formerly belonged to Homer Hosea Johnson which is located in New London township. This is the farm where Hosea Townsend settled in 1815 and built the big house. There are two houses side by side. The first house is a salt box type house. Aunt Ona told me that part of Walter Foote's house was brought up here to make the back portion of the house. This first appeared on the tax lists in 1908. This was known as the tenant house.

Right next to the salt box house was the big home built by Hosea Townsend, and later the home of Homer Hosea Johnson his grandson. In later years Homer Johnson used this as his summer home. He owned about 2500 acres of land in this vicinity, which he called the Townsend Farms as his mother had been Philothea, daughter of Hosea Townsend, however because he painted all the buildings white and there were so many of them it became known locally as "White City." Homer Johnson's father, Alfred Johnson was a brother of your great, great, great, grandmother Catharine C. (Johnson)

Foote. Homer Hosea Johnson was a prominent Cleveland attorney for many years and he was generally called H. H. Johnson. Today this is the home of John J. Marquis and his family.

STOP 7. Cemetery on H. H. Johnson Farm, New London township, Section 3, Lot 23.

Just beyond the summer home of Homer Johnson on the same side of the road back in the pasture is a little cemetery. While Mr. Johnson lived it was always kept cleaned up, but with his death it has grown up in weeds, briars, and brush, along with poison ivy. Here in this little cemetery is buried some of the earliest pioneers along with Hosea Townsend's father William Townsend. Here also is buried your great, great, great, great grandparents Walter Foote and his wife Tamazine Ford. Their tombstones read thus:

"Walter Foote, died Oct. 18, 1866, aged 66 yrs, 3 mo., 20 D."

"Tamezin wife of W. Foote, died July 6, 1872, Agd 70 Yrs, 70 mos. 8 ds."

The pictures which we took of the children here did not come out well as it was so shady. There also was so much poison ivy that part of the children could not get to the stones so I am using some I took several years ago.

Tamazine Ford Foote was the daughter of Solomon 5, Ford (Andrew 4, 3, 2, 1,) and wife Anne (Anna) Cook whose father was a Revolutionary soldier. See ANDREW FORD OF WEYMOUTH, MASS. by Mrs. Elizabeth Cobb Stewart for information on Tamazine Ford's family.

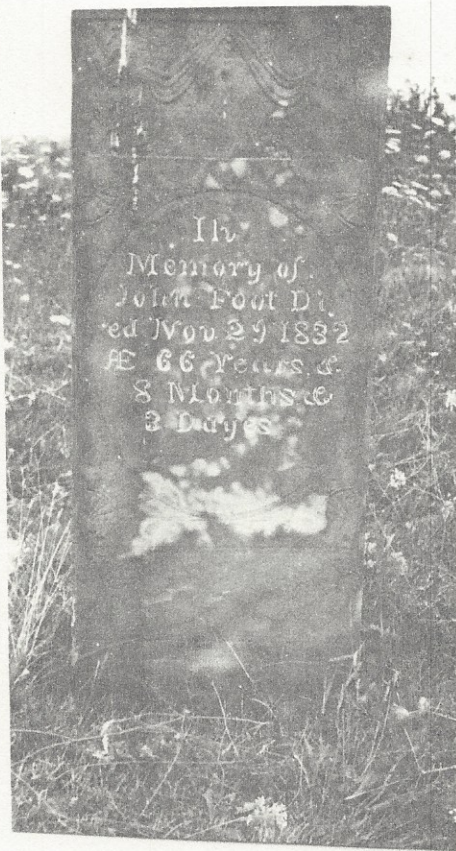
STOP 8. Site of log cabin of Walter Foote.

When we left the cemetery on H. H. Johnson's farm we started back west on Fayette road until we came to Greenwich East Town Line road No. 79, and from here we turned north. It was at this corner that Walter Foote's farm of 161 acres started and ran to the north on the left hand side of the road.

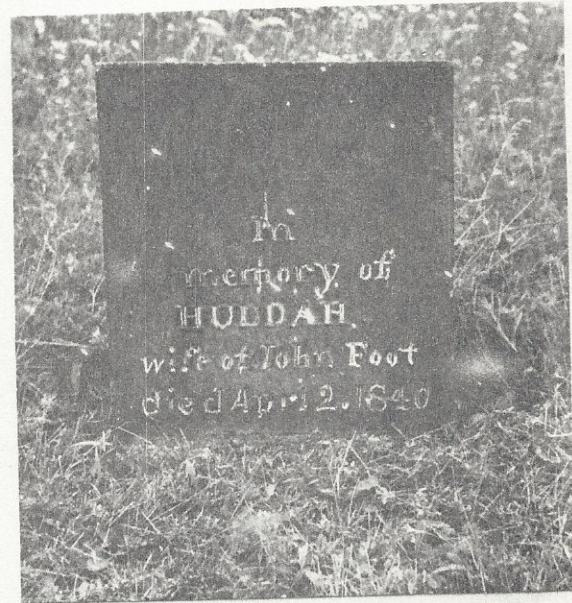
The 1853 Tax Records in Huron County Court House show that he owned all of lot 22. This was where his house was located and where your great, great, grandmother Cora Eva Foote was born. Lot 22 contained 61 acres of land with 4 acres being plowed, 51 acres in grass and 6 acres wild in 1853.

Walter Foote also owned the land which laid to the north of Lot 22 in lots 23, 20 and 31. Making a total of 161½ acres in the farm. On lot 31 which today is the home of Russell Saunders family formerly known as the Atkinson place on a hill just to the north was where Walter Foote's log cabin used to stand. Aunt Ona Porter Wood said that when she was a girl a lone cedar tree marked the site.

STOP 4. Pickard Cemetery on the A. E. Ganz farm.



"In Memory of John Foot died Nov. 29, 1832 AE 66 Years, 8 Months & 3 Days"



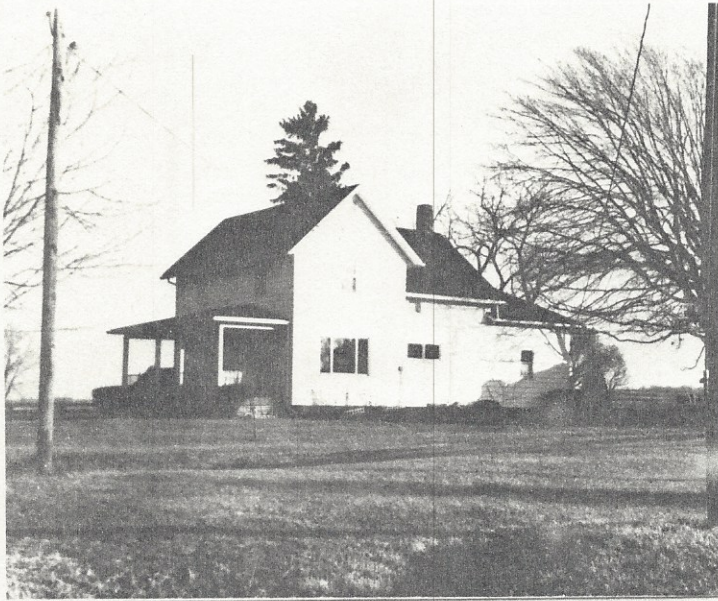
"In Memory of Huldah wife of John Foot died Apr. 2, 1840. (stone broken)
She was Huldah Rossiter born Feb. 17, 1770 in Harwinton, Connecticut.



Chad, Shelli, Sheri and Christie Porter by the gravestones of their fifth great grandparents, John and Huldah (Rossiter) Foote.



Taken from a very old picture and believed to be Huldah Rossiter Foote

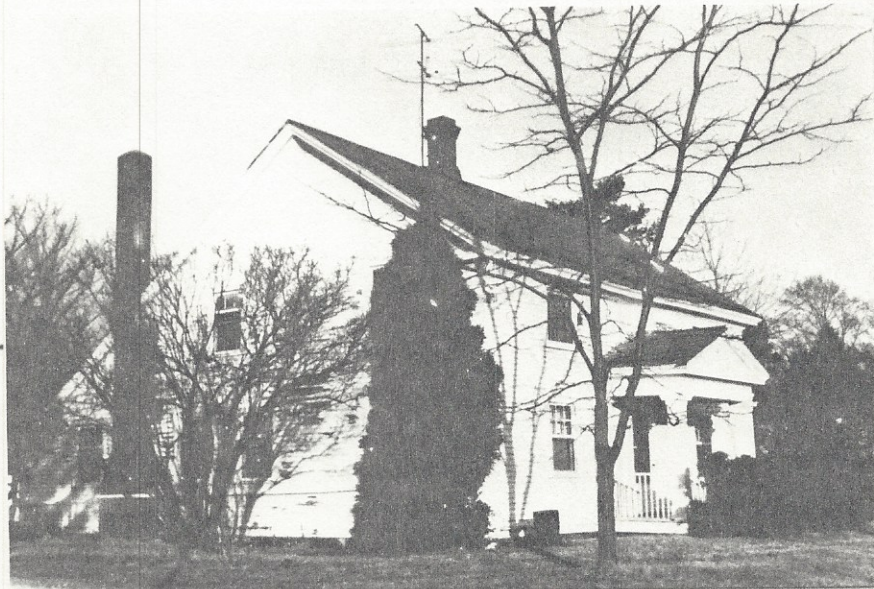


STOP 5.

Walter Foote home.
Today the home of
Bruce Hammann.

Home of Walter Foote built in 1840.
Here in this house your great, great
grandmother, Cora Eva (Foote)
Porter was born. She was a grand-
daughter of Walter Foote.

STOP 6. Salt Box House



Salt Box House on the old Hosea Townsend
homestead. Later belonged to Homer Johnson.
This house was built in 1908 as a tenant
house. Ona Porter Wood said that the wing
of the Walter Foote home above was taken off
and moved up here and incorporated in this
home.

STOP 6. The Hosea Townsend Homestead
 " White City"



Home built by Hosea Townsend. Later it became the home of his grandson, Homer Hosea Johnson. Homer Johnson was a prominent attorney at Cleveland, Ohio and an own cousin of your great, great grandmother Cora Eva (Foote) Porter.



Louise (Pope) Johnson, her husband Homer H. Johnson and Mary Coult Ransom taken at the back door of the Ransom home. Today the John Donaldson home. Homer Johnson, Mary C. Ransom and Cora Eva (Foote) Porter were all grandchildren of William W. Johnson.

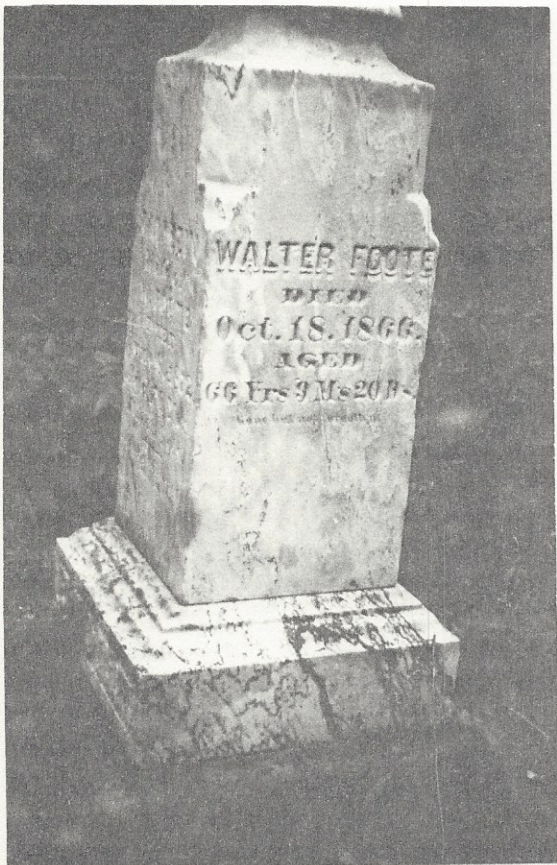
STOP 7. The Hosea Townsend Farm Cemetery.



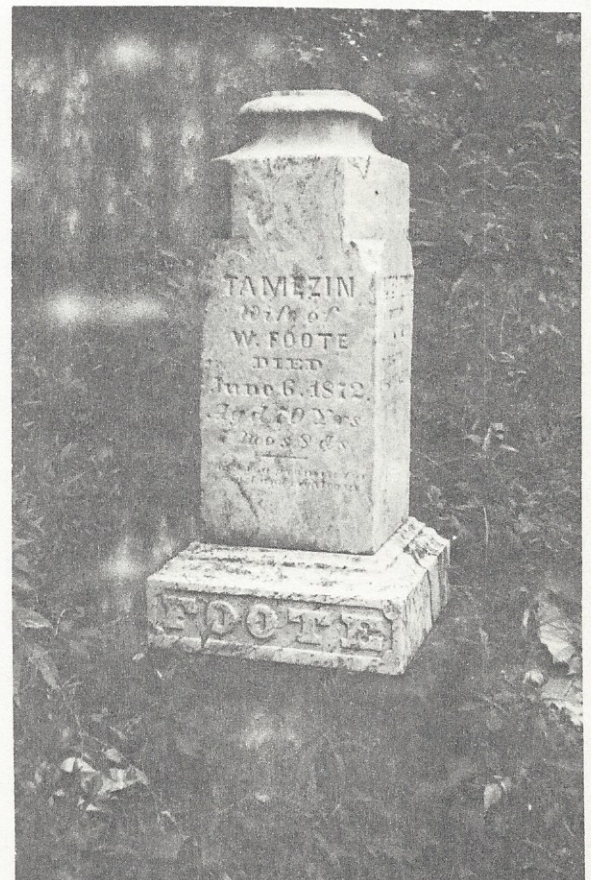
Shelli and Chad Porter standing beside the tombstone of Walter and Tamezin Foote their great, great, great, great grandparents. This cemetery was full of poison ivy and the other two children could not go in.



Tamezin (Ford) Foote



"Walter Foote died Oct. 18, 1866, Aged 66 Yrs, 3 Ms, 20 D"
"Gone but not forgotten"



"Tamezin wife of W. Foote
died June 6, 1872, Aged 70
Yrs, 7 Mos. 8 ds."

STOP 9. Farm of William Johnson, your great, great, great, great grandfather on the right hand side of Exchange Road in Fitchville and Hartland townships.

William Johnson was one of ten children born in Monmouth County, New Jersey on September 18, 1793 and either the youngest or next to the youngest child of William and Ann (Prine or Perrin) Johnson. His father had a small farm on the main road between Cranberry and Englishtown, New Jersey and he carried on a tannery and currying business with boot and shoe making. He was a strong Whig in political principals and aided the army liberally during the Revolutionary War but did not serve as a soldier. After the War ended he made a trip to locate land farther west. When he reached Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania or in that vicinity he was taken sick with a fever and died and was buried there.

After his father died the family moved to Middlesex County, New Jersey. As the boys grew old enough the mother being a widow apprenticed them out to learn trades. William and his brother both married daughters of Ralph Cortelyou, with William marrying Lydia Cortelyou.

In the spring of 1825 William and Nathaniel both decided to move to New York State so they packed all the goods they could in a large covered wagon and after traveling 17½ days they reached Gorham, New York where they settled.

William Johnson and his wife Lydia Cortelyou had two children, Ralph Cortelyou and Gitty (Gertrude) Ann who married John Coult Ransom who were born in New Jersey. Four more children were born in Gorham, New York, namely: Eliza Jane, Alfred Stults, Catharine C. (your great, great, great, grandmother) and William Cortelyou. Here in Gorham the mother Lydia died on April 3, 1834 and is buried in the Fobes Corners or Baldwin's Corners Cemetery near Rushville, New York. According to Bible Records she was born April 22, 1800 in New Jersey. William and his wife Lydia were both members of Bethel Baptist Church in Rushville, New York and on an old membership list of the church it states that Lydia was a member from 1832-34 while William was member from 1832-35.

William Johnson married second Melinda Blodgett in Gorham and they had children Lewis, born in Gorham, and Philena, Oliver and Lydia born in Hartland township, Huron County, Ohio. After Malinda or Melinda died he married third, Mrs. Hepsabah (Blodgett) Eaton an aunt of Melinda's.

William Johnson started for Ohio in a covered wagon with his wife and seven children with the youngest son Lewis born September 13, 1835 who was only two or three weeks old. The baby was carried on a pillow all the way, from Gorham, New York to Hartland township, Huron County, Ohio. Here William Johnson purchased land in Section 1, Lots 17 and 18 and part of 20 in Hartland township. He also acquired forty acres of Land in Fitchville township which joined his land in Hartland. Here he lived the rest of his life and raised his family. The house no longer is standing as it burned a

number of years ago.

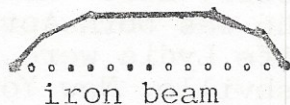
When William Johnson first came to Hartland township the township "warned him out". This was often done in the early days. The township officers would "warn" people out. Then if they became unable to take care of themselves the township did not have to take care of them. However, if they did not "warn" them out they were obligated to take care of a man and his family if they were unable to provide for themselves. However this did not bother William Johnson as when he came to Hartland he wore a belt around his waist in which he carried \$3000. This he used to buy land and build his home.

STOP 10. Hartland Ridge Cemetery on DeRussey Road, in Hartland township. Burial place of William Johnson and his second wife Melinda (Blodgett).

We went on North on Exchange road until we came to Cook Road and turned west until we came to DeRussey Road and then turned north to the Cemetery. Here we found the tombstone of William Johnson and his second wife Melinda (Malinda) Blodgett. It was a large monument located north of the main drive with this inscription: William Johnson died February 24, 1867 aged 73 years, 5 months, 6 days. Also buried with him is his second wife Melinda and their two children Oliver and Lydia who died in childhood.

STOP 11. The bridge on DeRussey Road over the railroad tracks, just north of Hartland Ridge Cemetery.

This is the only bridge of its kind that I have ever seen. It is perhaps 30 or 40 feet above the railroad track yet it is arched like this drawing.



Made of heavy wooden timbers with steel beam on iron piers under the bridge.

From here we started to retrace our steps until we came to the corner of Cook Road and Fitchville River Road where we turned down the River Road to the first house where John Donaldson now lives.

STOP 12. Home of John Donaldson. House built by his great grandfather John Coult Ransom.

This home was started being built in 1846 and finished in 1849. Here John Coult Ransom and his wife Gitty (Gertrude) Ann Johnson, a sister of your great, great, great grandmother Catharine C. (Johnson) Foote lived and raised their family consisting of John Harrison (John Donaldson's grandfather) George, Charles and Mary.

Some of my earliest childhood remembrances was of coming to this house with my grandmother Cora Eva (Foote) Porter. When Eva as she was always called was only two



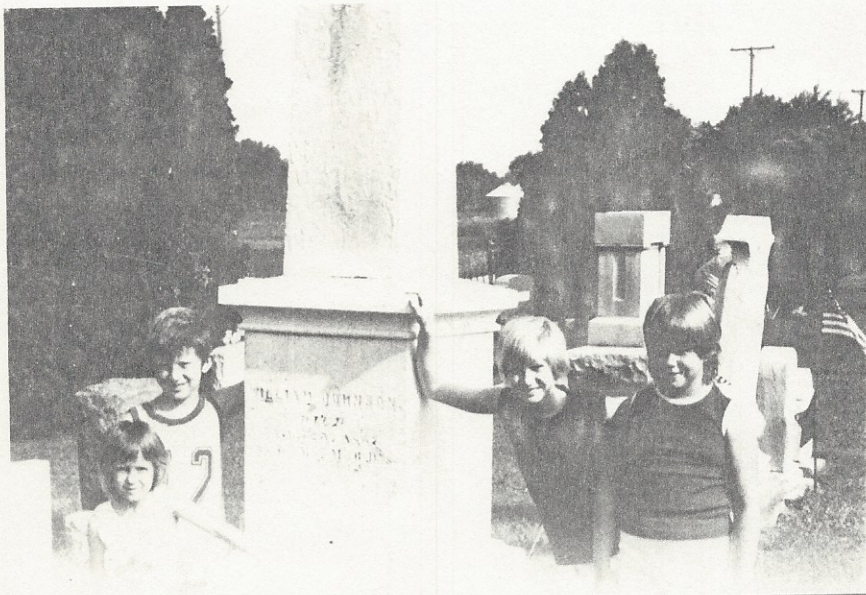
William W. Johnson

STOP 9.



William Johnson Farm

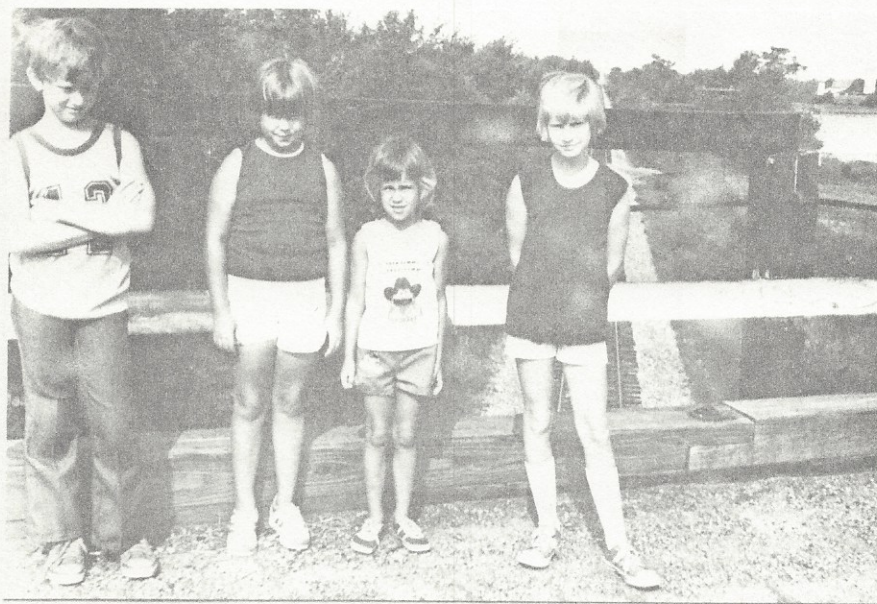
Located on the east side of Exchange road in Fitchville and Hartland townships. This shows part of the farm buildings which remain. This is the place that Gitty Ann Johnson married John Coult Ransom in the old log cabin which stood back of the site of the present home. This was also the home of Catharine (Johnson) Foote your third great grandmother.



STOP 10.

Hartland Ridge Cemetery on DeRussey Road located in Hartland township Section 2, Lot 22.

Standing beside the monument of William W. Johnson is four of his great, great, great, great grandchildren, namely: Christie Chad, Shelli and Sheri Porter. Also buried here is his second wife Melinda (Blodgett) Johnson and two of their children Oliver and Lydia.



STOP 11.
Chad, Sheri,
Christy and
Shelli Porter
standing
on the
humpback
bridge
on
DeRussey
Road
Hartland
township.

STOP 12.
The
John Donaldson
Home

Former home
of Cousin
Mary Coult
Ransom.



Mary Coult Ransom on her 80th. birthday.

This picture take in the dining room of the home built by her father John Coult Ransom. This picture shows the opposite side of the room where the fireplace is. The open door leads to the living room, the closed door to the men's bedrooms on the second floor, where the hired men slept. Just beyond this door (not shown) is the door to the small bedroom or borning chamber. Just around the corner from this is the door to the sewing room and the next one to the wood room where the four foot logs are kept for the fireplace.

years old, her father died, and for a time she and her mother lived here with her mother's sister Gitty Ann Ransom and family, and Eva and Cousin Mary grew up more like sisters than cousins. Cousin Mary was born in this house, lived in this house her entire life and died here in 1952, at which time John Donaldson who was a grandson of Cousin Mary's brother, John Harrison Ransom purchased the farm and moved in with his family.

My favorite place to sit when I was a little girl was on one of the little foot stools which stood either side of the fireplace. I still can feel the warmth of the great fire in the fireplace. Cousin Mary always wore long dresses clear to the ankles and she loved every nook and cranny of this old house. She would always go to the pantry and bring all of us children great big thick sugar cookies. Sometimes fruit or molasses slices but I can never remember a time when we went there that she did not give us cookies.

I saw my first colored man here. A man by the name of Dean who worked for Cousin Charley. He sort of scared me. I remember I would not shake hands with him because I thought his hands were dirty. I was perhaps five years old.

I remember the rows and rows of milk pans in the pantry which had to be skimmed every day. The table was always set and at meal time Cousin Charley filled all our plates from the stack which set in front of him and then he would pass the plates of food to us. After the meal the dishes were washed, the table reset and then covered with a large piece of very fine cloth like mosquito netting which had been washed, starched and ironed.

There is no place to stop in remembering but to us children it was like going to grandmother's house. John Donaldson so graciously allowed me to take the children inside and show them around. They were so impressed and to them this was the highlight of the whole trip. So many things they had never seen before or even knew existed. It was like stepping into the past, as so much of the house remains unchanged from its beginning.

There was one thing which I did not show the children which afterwards I wished I had. Up in the attic in the middle of the house was a room perhaps eight foot square which Cousin Mary always called the Bee Room. In this room bees were kept to make honey for the home in the early day. The room was built and then tightly sealed on the inside so that it was mouse proof. This room was never used for bees during my lifetime that I know of but was used for storing old newspapers and magazines and small tin items like candle molds.

Before we left this spot so dear to my childhood we spread our picnic lunch under one of the old maples, probably older than the house itself. Here beneath its spreading boughs the children ate and talked of all they had seen.

As the children were so impressed with this home and all wrote about it in their stories I am including their accounts in this portion of our story.



MISS MARY RANSOM beside the fireplace in her century-old home near New London, Huron County.

Ohio Scenes and Citizens

Old Homestead Above the Vermilion River.

By GRACE GOULDER

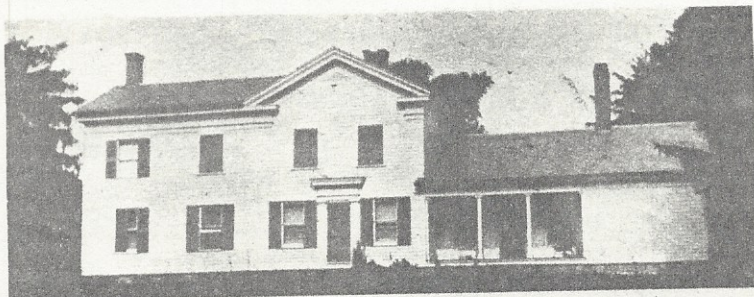
GRAY smoke curled up from the old brick chimney and the good smell of a wood fire greeted me. Sheep, placidly enjoying the winter sunshine, moved up to the driveway fence with mild interest in my arrival. Inside I found her whom I sought, Mary Ransom, sitting beside her fireplace. It was the biggest and most inviting one I've ever seen.

But it's no mere show thing. Miss Ransom uses it to heat her house—as her father used it since that day back in 1848 when he brought in the first big oak log and dropped it with a clatter on the andirons the blacksmith across the road had fashioned for him.

"Aunt Mary," as the countryside knows her, has lived here all her 80-odd years. The big white house sits, confident and serene, behind trees that are older than itself, overlooking its 600 acres of farmland. The road in front is called the West River Road, named for the Vermilion River whose twists and turns it follows. This is in Hartland Township, Huron County, not far from New London.

There was an oak log burning there now, with apple logs that occasionally spat sparks over the wide-bricked hearth. Miss Ransom was fringing a rag carpet,

and toasting her toes. The fireplace opening reached shoulder high to the mantel of black walnut, the wood that makes all the interior trim. A back lining of hand-pounded iron intensifies the heat and throws it into the room, the dining room, until it catches up with the heat from the Franklin-type stove in the living room beyond.



THE OLD WHITE HOUSE on West River Road, where generations of Ransoms have lived for more than 100 years.

In the kitchen range wood also is burned, wood cut on the place. But it's difficult now to get the logs, not because wood is becoming scarce on the farm, but because modern farm workers have lost the art of the ax—or don't want to learn it.

But to Miss Ransom there's no heat like a wood fire, none so clean or hot. Her father felt the same way. Her grandfather, too. He had come from Lyme, Conn., with some others from his state, to settle in the Sufferers' Tract, or the Firelands, that section of Ohio parceled out to indemnify Connecticut citizens whose homes were fired in British Revolutionary raids. Judah Ransom was his name, Capt. Judah, the first navigator of sailing cargo vessels on the upper lakes.

Like many of the early lake captains, Judah bought up land in Ohio, with an eye to his retirement from the water, this farm where his granddaughter lives being the heart of his holdings. But he never became a land man. Caught in a storm off Buffalo, he went down with his ship, and all hands. The cargo was 5,000 bushels of wheat from Milan, in those days a great grain-shipping port, on the old canal.

Judah's son, John, built a blockhouse on the land and wooed Gitty Ann Johnson, whose father had come into the "New-Connecticut" wilderness even before the Ransoms. Gitty Ann's name, and a good bit of her personality, too, survives in the furnishings of the big white house that John moved her into, after the blockhouse.

The last of their children, "Aunt Mary," has kept her mother's possessions, even the blue and white hand-woven bedspread, with her named worked boldly into it, the date, 1844, the name of the weaver, Adam Wolf, Bloomington, Richland County. It was the first thing in her hope chest, the wool cut from her father's sheep, spun and carded with her own hands, she herself paying for the weaving by husking corn for 4 cents a bushel.

It was a long trip to the weaver, the spread's creation a real undertaking, and it has been treasured always, as bright and sturdy under her daughter's care as when it first was thrown over that bed in the upstairs room where it reposes this moment. It assumed proportions beyond those of a bed-

spread, that day when I handled it, for it is a symbol of a bit of Ohio's past, an era as hardy as the spread, a vigorous pioneering epoch that made Ohio what it is today.

Miss Ransom has made a good many bedspreads herself, and "piece quilts." She showed me a stack of them. One she is working on, a very complicated pattern of gingham and calico pieces, called "The Drunkard's Path" or "The Old Maid's Puz-

zle." Quilting has a lore and a technique of its own. Miss Ransom and her cousin, Mrs. Ona Porter Wood, now visiting her, quilt in the evenings, the radio tuned to a favorite program, the fireplace glowing. They sit until the last two logs burn in half, then Miss Ransom pulls them parallel with each other, covers them with ashes, draws up the screen and goes to bed. In the morning the new fire is kindled from the embers that "live" through the night. This proceeding has the importance of a rite. It is the way her father did it.

Miss Ransom's sewing is that of an expert, the product of a lifetime's attention. Her stitches are microscopic. No old-age eye trouble here. She learned her needlecraft as a child, sewing bags of cheesecloth for the great wheels of cheese her father manufactured. From the Civil War period through the '80s he was one of the important cheese makers in this section, where, with Wellington as a center, more cheese was made than in any other part of the country. He managed several cheese warehouses and operated two factories on his farm, which covered 1,200 acres, in those days.

The house was a busy place. Gitty Ann fed 16 to 20 people three times a day, setting two tables, the first for the "help," the second for the family. The pantry beyond the kitchen was built big to hold provisions, wide shelves for the pies, bins for the corn meal and wheat flour. The wood is all black walnut, even the old-time icebox made of it, the finish satiny to the touch from years of handling and good house-keeping.

The workers lived in the house, had their own stairway, steep and winding, to large rooms on the

second floor. Four-poster beds they slept in are there still, one of maple, the others of black walnut, "pineapple" posts, pegs for the rope springs. The chairs they sat in are Windsor rockers and rush-seated ladder-backs.

The family's chambers, up another stairway just as steep and perilous, are filled with the same collection of "antiques," only they are not antiques to Aunt Mary. They are the vases her mother cherished; tall cherry chests in which her mother's linens are folded away; her father's "Sleepy Hollow" rocker; more four-poster beds; maple bedside tables; colored glass lamps; a painting by a Wellington artist, hired for the job, of a favorite shepherd dog; music; wedding-day daguerreotypes of waist-coated gentlemen, bustled and basqued women, who, though young when the likenesses were made, look somehow forever old.

The attics were the nicest parts of the house. There are two, one above the other, stairs to them as straight as ladders. Heat from the great chimney warmed them that winter day. Here was a spinning wheel and carder; pickle jugs of lovely shape; blown glass preserve jars; hand-made rush baskets used in cheese-making; round-topped trunks of deerhide, the hair glistening and thick; cradles crudely made, with strong rockers that really rocked the babies; homemade high chairs; powder horns and flintlock guns, and a long-handled iron toaster, broad enough for the generous slices of old-time bread loaves. The floors were wide puncheon boards. Everything spick-and-span. Not a bit of dust or dirt—the kind of attic a house can have that burns only wood in its fires—and has an old-fashioned mistress like Aunt Mary.

The homestead is quieter now than in those long-gone days, but it is still a farm house, and Miss Ransom continues to be a farmer. With the assistance of one "hand" she manages sheep, cows, pigs—but no chickens any more. They kept escaping from their runs and digging up the vegetables and flowers she grows in the sunny kitchen dooryard by the well.

It's an oasis of other-day living, this home Miss Ransom maintains, a tranquil spot in the midst of today's changing tempo, acres spread for the seasons' coming, as they were before atomic bombs, or price controls, or World Wars.

After we left John Donaldson's home we went back to the corner of Cook Road and turned right and traveled south-east down Cook Road until we came to State Route #60 and then turned south on Route 60 until we came to the cemetery located on the corner of Prospect Road.

STOP 13. Miller or Butterfield cemetery. Corner of Prospect and State Route #60 in Section 3, Lot 15 of New London township.

Here in this cemetery lies three of your great, great, great, great, great grandparents. "Phoebe, wife of T. Porter, died Sept. 17, 1841, AE 80 Yrs, 6 Mo.; "Azal Miner died Oct. 21, 1829, AE 52 Yrs." and beside him his wife "Sylva wife of A. Miner, died Jan. 6, 1853" However her stone is broken and her age is gone. She was a sister of Simeon Munson who came with Mrs. Phebe Porter and family.

The first settlement made in New London township was in the summer of 1815 and in November of 1815 the Porter family came to New London.

According to the HISTORY OF HURON AND ERIE COUNTIES, by W. W. Williams published in 1879 on pages 363 and 364 we find the following:

"During the year of 1815, the following persons settled in New London. In November Mr. Isaac P. Case, wife and Sophia, Philothe and Eliza daughters and Tracy, a son, settled upon lot fourteen in section three. Mr. Simeon Munson and family on lot seven; Mrs. Porter, mother of Mrs. Betsey or Elizabeth Scribner and Philo T. and Aurora Porter (two brothers); Austin, Sherman and Major Smith (three brothers, Major but six years of age) all came at the same time, and in Company with Mrs. I.P. Case and they all settled in the third section. They were from Connecticut, though at this immediate move from near Springfield, Clarke County, Ohio by the way of the Maumee Route." Other accounts say that Elizabeth Scribner was a widow with a little three year old daughter named Polly. Her brother Aurora who never married is also buried here beside his mother. Aurora Porter died Dec. 8, 1851, AE 59 years."

Mrs. Phebe Porter's husband was Thomas Porter, believed to have been born in Connecticut. He was an itinerant pioneer Baptist preacher and exhorter in Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana it is believed. A granddaughter Almira Hemenway said he died on a preaching trip and was buried near Ft. Wayne, Indiana in 1808 in an unmarked grave. In the History of Rock County, Wisconsin published in 1879 on page 807 it says in an account concerning his son Philo Thomas Porter that "his father was killed and scalped by Indians in Maumee," while in an old newspaper clipping (with no date and no paper name) found at the Bartlett Museum in Beloit, Wisconsin it says "Philo Thomas Porter as a child in Ohio saw the Indians come to a field where his parents were working and saw them scalp his father." Perhaps Maumee refers to the town of Maumee in Ohio, or else it might have been the Maumee River which runs from Ft. Wayne, Indiana to Maumee, Ohio near Toledo.

Thomas Porter was supposed to be of an aristocratic family and disowned because he left the Prebysterian church and joined the Baptist church, according to your great, great grandfather Emery Ford Porter. Almira Porter Hemenway, an aunt of Emery Ford Porter and a granddaughter of Thomas Porter says he was disowned because he married a poor girl. Tradition handed down in the family says he had a younger brother Elijah who was supposed to be a bachelor and two sisters or possibly half-sisters who both married men by the name of Barnes and lived at or near Middlebury, Connecticut in 1837.

Aunt Ona Porter Wood spent many years researching for Thomas Porter and she had a lady, Mrs. Hall in Williamstown, Massachussetts do a lot of searching. She turned up some nineteen Thomas Porter's in Connecticut at the time our Thomas Porter should have lived there but none of them seemed to be the right one. I have done much researching myself along with Robert and Ruth Porter of Tucson, Arizona. It seems as if he got disowned so thoroughly that there is no records of his existance to be found.

During the Civil War when your great, great grandfather Emery Ford Porter was living with his grandfather Philo Thomas Porter in Beloit, Wisconsin, his grandfather told him that they were close relatives of Jefferson Davis but would not explain. Philo Thomas Porter was a son of Thomas Porter and he had a son Daniel Webster who fought in the War for the North, while Jefferson Davis (also called Jeff) was the President of the Southern Confederate States of America. So far we have been unable to find any connection.

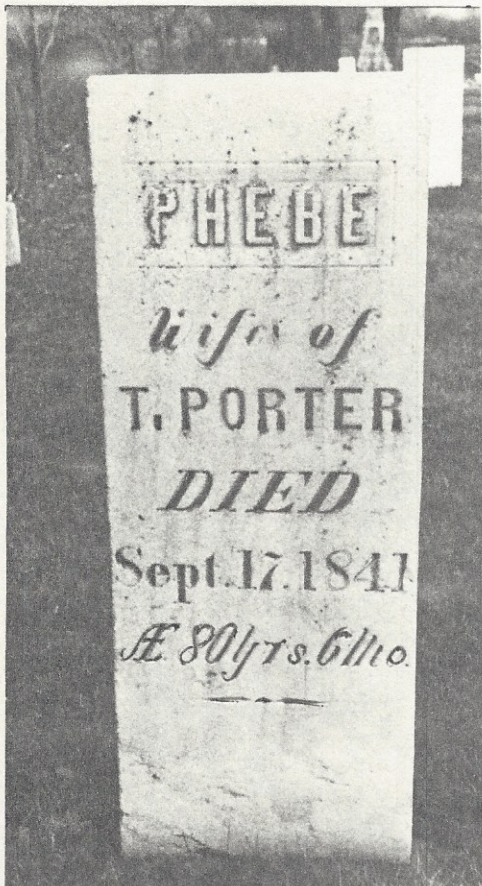
The story is also told that when Thomas Porter and his family were coming down some river, perhaps the Ohio or the Maumee that the flat boat tied up for the night. In the morning when the boat was ready to leave one son was not back and so the boat went off and left him behind. No name has ever been known for this lost son who would be a brother of your great, great, great, great grandfather Philo Thomas Porter.

Years ago when Rural Electrification Association was organized your great grandfather Willard Foote Porter was on the first Board of Directors of the Firelands Electric Cooperative and he went to the First National Convention Rural Electric Cooperatives Association, Inc. held in the Municipal Auditorium at St. Louis, Missouri January 19, 20, 1943.

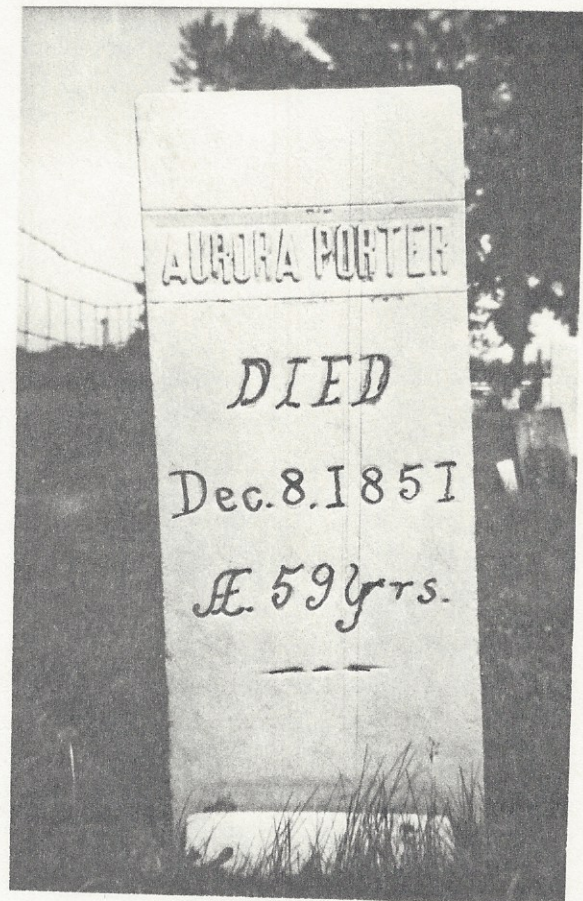
The second year the National Meeting was held at Ft. Wayne, Indiana. At one place or the other your great grandfather Willard Foote Porter was sitting in a resturant eating and a man came up and asked if he might sit at his table. My father said "Yes" and as the man was talking he suddenly said, "Could your name be Porter?" My father said "Yes" Then the man proceeded to say his wife was a Porter and that Dad looked like her family. Same ruddy complexion, nice but unruly reddish hair. If I remember rightly his wife's name was Kate. After comparing family backgrounds they both came up with a lost son in their families.

There are conflicting traditions handed down on this also. One is that the son, changed his religion and the

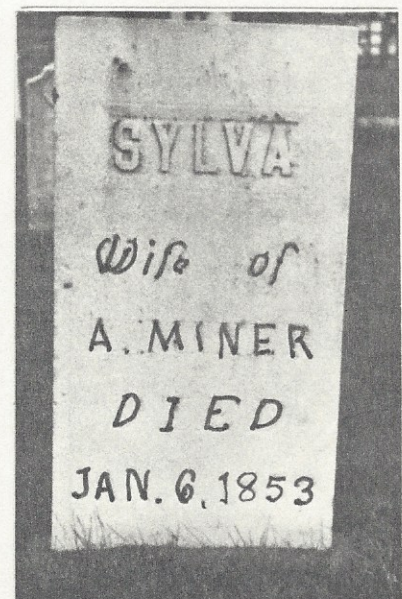
STOP 13. Miller or Butterfield Cemetery



Mrs. Thomas Porter



Son - Aurora Porter



Sheri, Christie, Shelli and Chad Porter at the tombstones of Azel Miner and his wife Sylva (Munson) Miner. These are your great, great, great, great, great grandparents.

STOP 14 - Day Cemetery



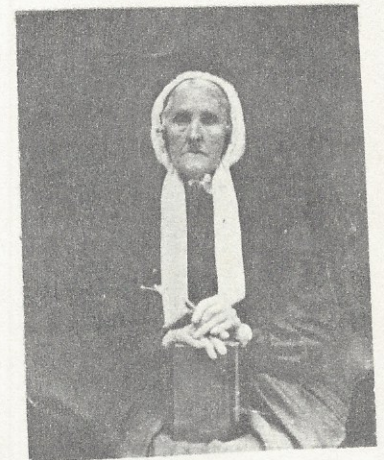
Chad, Shelli, Sheri and Christie Porter standing beside the tombstone of Betsey Elizabeth (Stults) White who is buried beside her husband Benjamin Ford White.



Betsey Elizabeth (Stults) White 1811-1861
Wife of Benjamin Ford White. She is your great, great, great, great grandmother.



First frame home of Benjamin Ford White.
Today the home of Lawrence Rumsey.



Helene (Cortelyou) Stults. Mother of Betsey Elizabeth White. This is your fifth great grandmother.

other that he got drunk. My father never got this man's name or address but we do believe that this man's wife was a descendant of the son who was left behind.

When Aunt Paula was a little girl my father used to tell me I was one-sixth Irish on my mothers side and one-eighth (I think) Irish on on his side. Aunt Ona and I have traced out all of the lines on my father's side except for the direct Porter line and the Phoebe Leavitt line. There is no Irish in any of those we have traced. Most of your ancestors through the Porter side came from England although the Cortelyou line is French, and there are several lines from Holland.

When Aunt Maud was attending Oberlin College, Aunt Ona said she always wore orange on St. Patrick's Day as she said she was Orange Irish, which means she was Protestant Irish.

At one time when Aunt Ona was attending school there was a young man by the name of Porter and his sister that also attended. Aunt Ona and this young man looked so much alike that she was often mistaken for his sister. His family came from Ireland.

This is all the clues we have to the ancestry of Thomas Porter your great, great, great, great, great grandfather.

By tradition, Phoebe (Leavitt) Porter was a Mayflower descendant and Aunt Almira Hemenway says she was an only child of her parents who both died about 1763 when she was only about two years old. She was raised by some other family and whether Leavitt (Ledgett, Levet, Levit) was her real name or the name of the people who raised her we do not know. This is all we know of her background.

Thomas Porter had four children that we know of. Whether they were all by his wife Phebe, or if he were married more than once we do not know. Little is known on any of them except Philo Thomas. These are the known Porter children:

1. The "lost" son which got left - probably oldest.
2. Elizabeth (Betsey) born about 1790 or earlier who married Paul Scribner and came to New London a widow with a three year old daughter Polly who was said to have been born at Dayton, Ohio. This daughter Polly married John Ebbert and she and a little daughter are buried in Grove Street cemetery in New London. We know of no other descendants.
3. Aurora Porter born about 1793 in Connecticut according to the 1850 census. He came to New London with his mother and the rest of the family in 1815. He was an epileptic and never married. He lived in a log house on lot 10 west of Route 60 in 1850 in Section 4 of New London township. One morning he started cross lots through the orchard to his brother Philo Thomas Porter's home. While crossing the orchard he had an epileptic spell and the hogs running in the orchard killed him. The road that ran back to the house where he lived was the drive back into the fields just north of Ohio Body plant today. In fact Ohio Body owns one-half of the old roadway.

4. Philo Thomas Porter born in New York, according to the 1850 census, on October 23, 1795 and died in Turtle township, near Beloit, Wisconsin and buried in Clinton Cemetery. This is your fourth great grandfather.

In Williams, HISTORY OF HURON AND ERIE COUNTIES on page 364 it states that on February 22, 1817: "Mr. Henry Anderson, from Livingston County, New York, and Mrs. Russell, her sons Alcott and Charles from the same County; an about the same time came Paul Pixley, and Ariel his son, and their families from Brighton, New York; Nathan Munson, Steven Post and A. Miner from the State of New York." These all settled in Section three of New London township. Mrs. Russell was a Munson before her marriage and a sister of Simeon, Nathan, and Sylva who married Azel Miner. This only shows how one family after another which were related followed one another to the wilderness of Ohio and when Azel Miner came.

From here we travelled south on Route #60 until we came to Section Line road where we turned left and drove about two and one-half miles east until we crossed Chenango Road. Just beyond the corner on the south side of the road we found a cemetery known as the Day Cemetery.

STOP 14. Day Cemetery, located on Section Line Road on the south side of the road in Section 1, Lot 20 of New London township.

In this cemetery are many of the Porter relatives. Here also is your great, great, great, great grandfather Benjamin Ford White and his wife Betsey Elizabeth (Stults) White. Benjamin Ford White was born in Gorham, New York on January 18, 1811 the son of Daniel White and Sarah (Ford) White. He died at New London, Ohio August 29, 1855. The book that Aunt Paula is now working on will contain information on his family including one hundred and fifty of his direct ancestors. Among these are eight of his ancestors which came to America on the Mayflower in 1620. They were William White, his wife Susanna and their son Resolved; Francis Cooke; John Alden; Priscilla Mullins and her parents William and Alice Mullins.

On January 3, 1839 Benjamin Ford White (generally called Ford or B. Ford) purchased in New London township in Section 1, lots 2 and 3, a total of 247 acres for which he paid \$617.50. His wife Betsey had two brothers John and Ralph Stults who had moved from Gorham, New York to Lyme township in 1835. It appears that Benjamin and his wife lived in Lyme township for perhaps two years following the purchase of his farm in New London as in the 1839 Personal Property Tax of Lyme township he appears with three horses valued at \$80. and 1 head of cattle at \$8. We do know the family was living in New London as on February 27, 1841 he and his wife Betsey joined the Baptist Church in the Village of New London, which is still standing today.

Betsey Elizabeth (Stults) White your great, great, great, great grandmother is also buried here beside her husband. She was born possibly in Gorham township, New York on October 25, 1811 and died at New London, Ohio April 4, 1861 of typhoid fever. She was the daughter of Peter (Hiram Peter?) and Helene (Cortelyou) Stults who lived in the area of Gorham, New York.

Benjamin and Betsey were the parents of seven daughters the first three of which were born in Gorham, New York.

1. Adaline Harriet born Feb. 21, 1832 married William Porter. Married 2nd. John W. Rumsey.
2. Mary Elizabeth born Oct. 14, 1833 married Loren W. Rumsey.
3. Emma Annette born Nov. 23, 1835 married Charles Edwin Russell
4. Sarah Mary born May 29, 1838 married John Cooke
5. Helen M. born Sept. 10, 1843 died 1861 of typhoid fever.
6. Elizabeth Stults born Oct. 4, 1848 married Joseph Coleman.
7. Georgia Anna born Dec. 29, 1850 married Henry Tracy Case.

Betsey or Elizabeth Stults' great grandparents were Peter and Elizabeth Minner (Mynheer) Stults and were immigrants who came to America on the ship Edinburg on October 2, 1753. They were Palatinates who went down the Rhine River to sail to America from Rotterdam. On the ships list he is called Johan Peter Stoltz and when he took the oath of Allegiance to America he was listed as Johannes Petter Stoltz, age 20. They had a son John Marlin Stults who was born on the voyage to America and he married Elizabeth Higbee. They were the parents of a son called Peter (also called Hiram) but possibly Peter Hiram. Peter married Helena Cortelyou and they are Betsey's parents. More information on this family will be found in the Cortelyou Genealogy by John Van Zandt Cortelyou on page 130. Ona Porter Wood also had much information on the Stults or Stultz family.

We did not go to visit the site of Benjamin Ford White's home. I sort of missed it. He built his first frame house on Butler Road in 1846 on Lot 3. It is the first house north of New London Eastern Road and the home of Lawrence Rumsey today. This was a very small house orginally and many additions have been made to it through the years.

In 1851 Benjamin Ford built a new frame home on the same farm except it was built on New London Eastern Road where Fred Monroe lives today. This was the home he was living in when he died.

From the Day Cemetery we retraced our steps to Route 60 once more and continued south toward the town of New London. About one-fourth of a mile south of the corner on the west side of the road we came to the home built by your great, great, great grandfather William Porter.

STOP 15. William Porter home built in the late 1850's on the west side of Route 60. For many years the home of Joseph Henry Arnold. Today home of Mrs. Marcellus Geiger.

William Porter was a son of Philo Thomas and Polly (Miner) Porter and a grandson of Mrs. Phoebe (Mrs. Thomas) Porter buried in Miller or Butterfield Cemetery.

William was born in New London, May 10, 1824 in a log cabin, possibly on this same farm, and died in New London May 2, 1861 of typhoid fever and is buried in Grove Street Cemetery in the village of New London. He married Adaline Harriet White, May 23, 1850 and they were the parents of two sons.

1. Emery Ford Porter your great, great, grandfather born March 23, 1851 and he married Cora Eva Foote.
2. Benjamin Franklin (called Frank) born June 28, 1856 He married Bessie Kemery of Springfield, Ohio. He lived in Cincinnati, Ohio and worked for Douglass Shoe Company. They had no children. He died in Cincinnati Sept. 27, 1933 and his wife Dec. 28, 1956 at the Methodist Home, 1310 East McMillan Street, Walnut Hills, Cincinnati, Ohio. I never met them.

The 1850 census was taken perhaps one or two months after William and Adaline were married. In this census they both were living with their respective parents. However we do know that by the time their first son Emery was born in March of 1851 that they were living in the first little home that Benjamin Ford White had built on Butler Road.

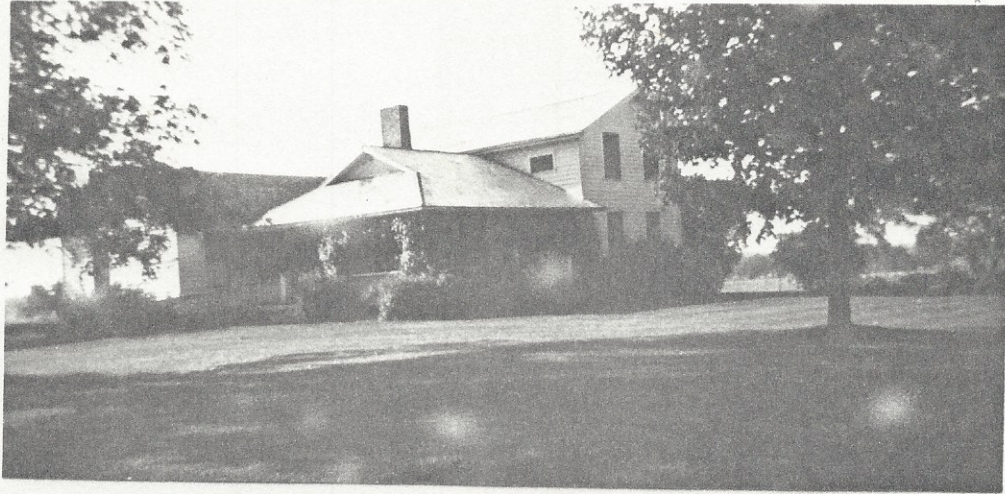
From the papers found in the estate packet of Benjamin Ford White which I found in the Court House in Norwalk, I believe that without a doubt William Porter was working for Benjamin F. White when he died in 1855. I believe William Porter may not have started his own home until after his father-in-law died.

In 1861 there was an epidemic of typhoid fever and many people died. Among them were Adaline's mother and sister Helen. After they had died William Porter boiled up the blankets that had been used on their beds and he also got typhoid fever from breathing some of the steam as the blankets boiled. He died leaving two little boys, Emery age 10 and Frank age 4.

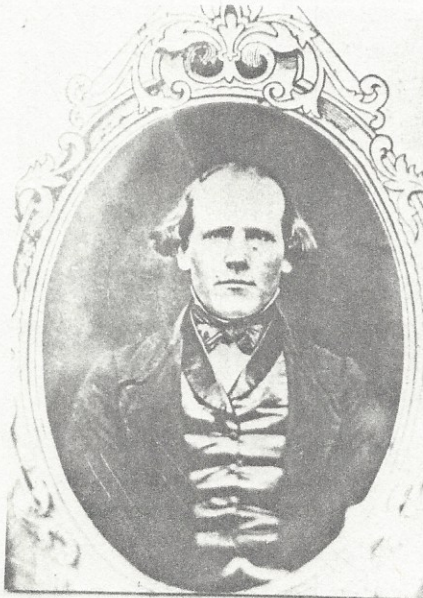
William Porter had this house all finished on the outside but he still was working on the parlor. He still had some fancy trim to put up which went over the windows when he died. Aunt Ona says when she was a girl this trim which was all made was still stored in the attic of the home. They were some big heavy pieces to hang drapes on. They were made to set out about a foot and on the underneath were hooks to hang the drapes on. This is the home where your great grandfather Willard Foote Porter was born and also his two older sisters Maude and Ona.

After her husband's death Adaline Porter married second on March 16, 1863 John W. Rumsey and continued to live in this place. She had no children by this second marriage. Emery Ford did not stay with his mother after she remarried but went to Beloit, Wisconsin and lived with his grandfather Philo Thomas Porter and his wife Polly until he was a young man. It is said that Emery made a trip to Beloit when he was about sixteen years of age with a fine team of horses, and afterwards he was asked how he ever managed to bring those horses

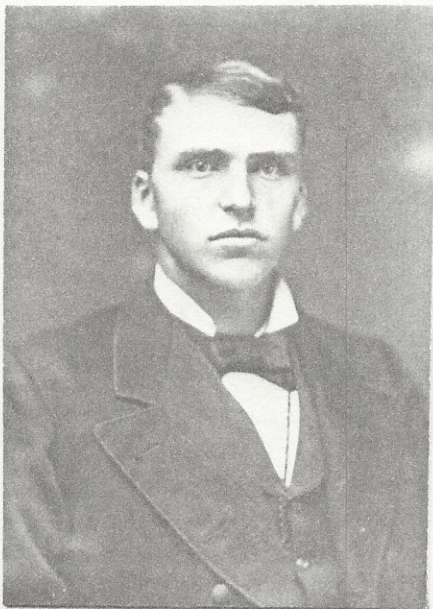
STOP 15. William Porter Home.



Home built by William Porter about 1860.



William Porter - his wife - Adaline Harriet White



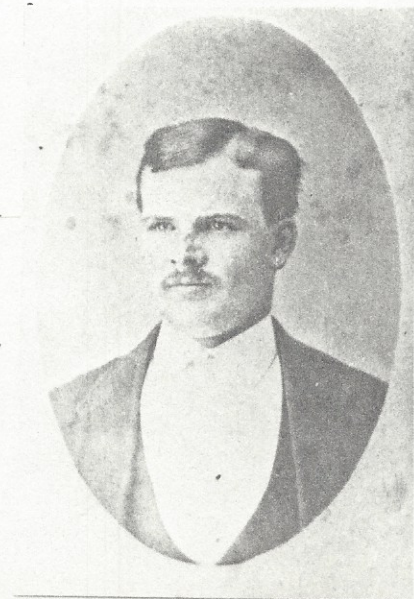
and
their two sons.

Left:

Benjamin Franklin
(called Frank)

Right:

Emery Ford Porter
your great, great
grandfather





This rocking field cradle has rocked five generations of our family. It was purchased first for Cora Eva Foote born Jan. 30, 1860.

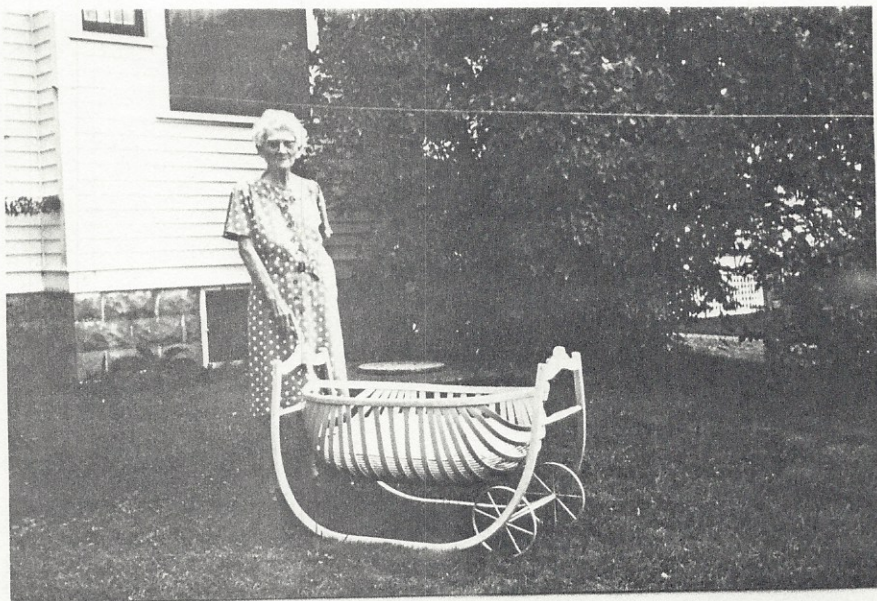
The cradle had wheels on it so the back end could be lifted up and rolled to the field to take the babies with them when the women worked there.

All of the children of Emery and Eva Porter were rocked in this cradle. Ona Porter Wood's daughter Catharine, her three granddaughters and her two great grandchildren were also rocked in this cradle.

Children of
Emery Ford Porter
and his wife Cora
Eva Foote:

Willard Foote
Maude Lenore
Ona Elnore

All of these
children were
born in the
William Porter
home.



Ona Porter Wood and Field Cradle



STOP 18.

Cornelius Francis Keuzenkamp
born: Nov. 1, 1881
Rotterdam, Holland
died: July 19, 1966

Married: June 19, 1909

Maude Lenore Porter
born: June 12, 1879
New London, Ohio
died: ~~July 19, 1966~~
Nov 16 1968

Both buried in
Montoursville, Pa.

Picture:

March 1913

BELOW: their children
Photo taken
May 1, 1921

Cornelia Frances
b. Jan. 5, 1916
Porterville, Calif.
m. Francis Clairborne
Hawkins II.
ch. Francis
Clairborne III..
John Francis
James *Cornelius*

Barbara Eva
b. Jan. 30, 1918
Porterville, Calif.
m. Edwin Lewis Meltzer
ch. Steven Kalmen
Gary Cortelyou

Betty Mary
b. July 5, 1919
Flagstaff, Ariz.
m. Charles Emory
Miller
ch. Charles Keuzenkamp





Ona Elnore Portermar. Oct. 10, 1906.
 b. June 2, 1883
 d. Dec. 14, 1973 at
 New London, Ohio



..... Mead Wood
 b. Nov. 21, 1882
 d. May 14, 1972 at
 Talladega, Ala.

LEFT: Wedding picture
 only child.

Catharine Porter Wood
 b. Oct. 14, 1907
 m. Sept. 1, 1933
 Earl Benson Stiles
 b. Sept. 1, 1901
 d. June 28, 1964

Their children:

Twin boys
 b. & d. Sept. 20, 1934

Betty Catharine
 b. Nov. 16, 1936

Barbara Jean
 b. Aug. 2, 1938
 m. Philip Perry
 ch. Lorie Dawn
 Michael Bryan
 (both adopted)

Shirley Jeanette
 b. Feb. 1, 1941
 m. Lester E. Campbell
 ch. Jeffery Scott
 Barry Allen



through without them being stolen. He said he just slept in the stall with the horses. On one of his trips between New London and Beloit he saw the sky all aflame with the great Chicago fire.

According to the NEW LONDON RECORD for May 8, 1873. "Emery Porter has returned to live with his mother and to superintend the affairs on the farm after an absence of six or seven years as a resident of Beloit, Wisconsin."

In the same issue of the NEW LONDON RECORD for May 8th. it tells that "Mrs. Adaline Rumsey churned 54 pounds of butter at one time." This was a lot of butter to churn all at once. You will never realize how hard your ancestors worked to provide for their families. Aunt Paula can remember I had to churn butter when I was a little girl. We had a tall tin butter churn which had a plunger which went through a hole in the lid of the churn. This plunger was made from a long handle sort of like a broom handle with a board on the end which had holes in it. We plunged this up and down for hours at a time or so it seemed to Aunt Paula. It seemed like it took nearly one half of a day to get a churning done. I expect this made about three or four pounds of butter at the most. Then after this my mother would take the butter which had gathered in the churn and wash it in cold water several times to get all the sour whey out. Then she salted it and worked it into round flattened balls of butter of about two pounds each. Then it was ready to eat.

Emery Ford Porter continued to live in this home which his father had built even after his mother died. He was born March 23, 1851 in the home where his grandfather Benjamin Ford White had first lived and he died in the Village of New London on October 4, 1911 and was buried in Grove Street Cemetery at New London.

He married at the home of his bride's mother, Mrs. Catharine C. (Kate) (Johnson) Foote at New London on October 12, 1876 Cora Eva Foote and they had four children born in this house.

1. William Claude Porter born Aug. 10, 1877 and died Sept. 23, 1877.
2. Maude Lenore Porter born June 12, 1879; died Mar. 15, 1968 at Montoursville, Pa. She married Cornelius Francis Keuzenkamp and they were the parents of three daughters. Cornelia Frances, Barbara Eva, and Betty Mary. These daughters all married and all have children.
3. Ona Elnore Porter born June 2, 1883; died Dec. 14, 1973 at New London. She married Mead Wood and they had one daughter Catharine Porter Wood who married Earl Benson Stiles and had three daughters: Betty Catharine, Barbara Jean and Shirley Jeanette.
4. Willard Foote Porter born Dec. 29, 1887; died Feb. 14, 1954. He married May 1, 1912 Marie Augusta Golding and they were the parents of Paula, Lester Foote, Johnson Golding, Mary and Patricia. These were your great grandparents.

In the spring of 1889 Emery Ford Porter and his family moved to Cincinnati where he was associated with his brother Frank in the shoe business. Your great grandfather Willard started school there. Later when it was time for his sister Maude to go to College the family moved to Oberlin, Ohio so she could attend Oberlin College. During the time the family lived in Oberlin they operated a grocery store there. Emery also went back and forth from Oberlin to attend to supervising the farming on not only his father, William Porter place but also on his wife's farm where Johnson Porter lives today. After Maude had graduated from college they returned to New London.

Among Aunt Ona's papers I found a story that her sister Maude had written for school called "MY COUNTRY HOME" This had been saved by her mother Eva F. Porter. It gives a good description of the William Porter home where she was born and how it looked when she was a little girl. She was the slim freckled-faced girl and the small figure fishing in her story. I quote it in part:

MY COUNTRY HOME

by Maude L. Porter

"Ah, we have come in sight of another house. This is a story and half high, painted white with green blinds and shows plainly in the beautiful morning sunlight. The immense yellow rose bushes in front of the south sitting room windows seems to nod you a welcome. The house stands in the middle of an acre lot and the whole length of the north fence is planted with roses. Lilacs and lillies of every description.

We have reached the drive, which lies along the south fence in the barn yard. The large gates is fastened. The approach of the carriage has been seen and out comes a slim freckled-faced girl with straight yellow hair, who climbs the fence instead of going through the small gate, and admits you to the drive and you are let out at the side gate. There's the cistern, here's the well, there's the wood pile and cherry tree with the grindstone under it. Hen house and back gate leading into back lane. There's the ugly twin peach tree with the playhouse under it. You are not going to be allowed admittance at neither back, side nor front doors. At the north are some fruit trees. In front on east is a five board fence with two gates. There is a white rose bush and "five sisters" and three peony bushes decorating the path way to the front door. To the south of the house stands a huge willow of many many years growth. (This tree was planted by her father Emery Ford Porter) The gigantic tree shades both the drive and a large portion of that part of the yard. Under its kindly shade hangs a hammock and a rope swing, which is fastened to the branches thirty five feet from the ground. Back of this tree stands a crab apple tree.

We will pass down the back lane now to the fields. Here is a pasture on either side. Ah, here is the creek and the bridge. We are crossing the bridge when a sight meets our eyes. Up stream a short distance sits a small figure, under an immense hat, with fishing pole in hand. Near her sits the shepherd dog and the other side on the grass sets a small tin pail. We are not noticed so we will pass down stream.

Our course is now along the bank. Along here the bank is covered with bushes and wild roses, cat-tails and all kinds of water grasses.

We will rest under this old maple, one of the original trees. How many red men do you suppose have rested under this tree or slacked their thirst at this cool spring at our feet, that empties into the brook? Trophies of the Indians are found here. Arrow heads of all kinds, shapes, sizes, hundreds of them have been picked up on this field. You won't need any lunch for when you are in the country you live on air and scenery! High up in this tree are initials put there nearly half a century ago by school boys then. Ah, tree, where are your many sisters, what tales of bound-deer and cunning fox can you tell us? Has this dainty stream at your feet washed its banks with red men's blood? We receive no answer. Stop your reveries! the sun is setting and there comes some one toward us on horseback through the pasture from the direction of the house. It's a boy: no it is not, its that freckled faced girl mounted in her father's saddle on his horse. The hat is perched backward and the sun shines on the tiny six year old face. Down they come to the verge of the stream where the bank is not steep. In they go: the horse stops to drink. When he finished, he carefully climbs the opposite bank and starts on a brisk gallop while his mistress's lively song is wafted back to us.

In a short time they return driving before them half dozen cows. They all pass over the bridge and up the lane, never to be seen again by mortal eyes. And now, forget, forever the freckled-faced girl."

Maude L. Porter.

In the margin just below the name of Maude L. Porter this was written in her mother Cora Eva Foote Porter's hand: "Read in Class."

STOP 16. Ashel Miner farm. Just across the road from William Porter farm. Today belongs to Archie B. Cook II.

Just across the road from the William Porter farm lies land which was owned by Ashel Miner, a son of your fifth great grandfather Azel Miner. Whether Azel Miner lived on this land we do not know but we do know that in the 1820 census he was living next door to Philo Thomas Porter. Azel Miner never had any land in his name that we know of. There was a great deal of trouble getting clear title to the land in the third section of New London township. It was thirty years later after many legal battles that an early deed was declared illegal in 1825.

There has been much research done on the parentage of Azel Miner, even as much as three generations, and by many descendants over the years. Dr. Richard K. Miner of Springville, Utah in a letter dated July 10, 1972 says his son after exhausting every record of any birthdate of 1777(the year Azel Miner was born) for a Miner, believes he is the Asa Miner born 1 Feb. 1777 in Sharon, Litchfield County, Conn.

We do know that Azel Miner had a son Ashel but he also was called Asa in the NEW LONDON RECORD, and from traditions

handed down in the family it all seems to check. We have to realize that in the early days many people spelled the names the way they sounded and Azel, Asa or Ashel would all sound very, very similar. Son also spelled name Asel.

In a book published by John A. Miner called "THE LYON'S WHELP" it gives Azel Miner's line as follows from Elihu on to the first immigrant, as follows: Azel Miner (Asa, Elihu, Clement, Clement, Thomas). Thomas Miner came from England on a ship called LYON'S WHELP in 1629. The Elihu Miner given on page 72 and number 13 would be the grandfather of our Azel Miner.

Azel Miner married Sylvia Munson. She was the daughter of Stephen Munson and perhaps his first wife Ann Cogswell or his wife Aseneath Russell. Aunt Ona Porter Wood traced this Munson line out for D.A.C. and Mrs. George W. (Mary) Sherman my sister was accepted on this line. Her Munson line is thus: Stephen, Reuben, Waitstill, Samuel Jr., and Samuel, Sr. It was Azel and Sylvia (Munson) Miner's daughter Polly that married Philo Thomas Porter.

Azel Miner was born in 1777 as calculated from his tombstone and died October 21, 1829 at New London, Ohio. He married in Ontario County, New York, Jan. 1, 1802 to Sylvia Munson who was born Aug. 18, 1782 and died Jan. 6, 1853 at New London, Ohio and is buried in Miller or Butterfield Cemetery in New London township beside her husband. They were the parents of seven children:

1. Polly born Sept. 13, 1802 in Ontario Co., New York; died Oct. 11, 1875 in Turtle Twp., Rock County, Wisconsin and is buried in the Clinton Cemetery with her husband. She married Philo Thomas Porter at New London, Ohio on Sept. 19, 1821. There were your great, great, great, great grandparents.
2. George, Sr. born Feb. 13, 1804 in Jefferson Co., New York; died June 25, 1861 in New London, Ohio. He married three times: Sarah Palmer, Susan Nobles Santley; and Mrs. Scott. Had issue.
3. Almira born Jan. 20, 1806; died July 9, 1809.
4. Albert born March 31, 1809 in Jefferson Co., N.Y. died Jan. 3, 1848 in Iowaville, Iowa. He went west with the Mormons. Dr. Richard K. Miner of Springville, Utah is a descendant.
5. Amos Deen born June 21, 1812 in Cayuga County, N.Y.; died April 17, 1827
6. Joel born Feb. 12, 1816, Genessee Co., New York; died in Clinton, Rock Co., Wisconsin in 1884. He married at New London, Ohio March 10, 1838 Miss Adeline Treat and they were the parents of seven children.
7. Asel born April 19, 1822 in New London; died March 4, 1910 in New London. He married Harriet Peck and had one son George C. Miner.

RICHARD K. MINER, D.M.D.
551 SOUTH SECOND EAST
SPRINGVILLE, UTAH

July 10, 1972

Dear Mrs. Griffin,

We are quite excited out here. We feel we have found the lineage of Azel Miner.

In the vital records of Sharon, Litchfield, Conneticut we find:

Asa Miner	B. Feb. 20, 17 ⁷ 47	East Haddam Conn.
Md. Lois		
His Father:	Elihu Miner	
His Mother:	Keziah Willey	
His Children:		
M. Asa Miner	1 Feb. 1777	Sharon Litchfield, Conn.
M. Darius Miner	10 Nov. 1778	" " "
M. Sylvester Miner	12 Sep. 1782	" " "
M. David Willey Minor	3 Sep. 1780	Salisbury "
F. Laura Minor	27 Sep. 1784	" "
F. Jurasha Minor	10 Jan. 1787	" "
M. Henry Minor	14 Aug. 1789	" "

We have had a tradition that Azel had a brother Sylvester that died early. We always thought Sylvester was a son of Azel and mixed up with Amos Dean, but it could have been this Sylvestor, his brother.

The father of Asa whose wife was Lois is Elihu Miner, B. 16 Oct. 1716 East Haddam, Conn. D. 29 Mar 1807 Millington, Middx, Conn.
Father: John Willey Mother: Sarah Saunders

Children:		East Haddam Middx, Conn.
Elihu Miner	abt 1746	" " " "
Asa Miner	20 Feb 1747	" " " "
Jabez Miner	10 Oct 1748	" " " "
Sarah Miner	3 May 1750	" " " "
David Miner	22 Aug 1752	" " " "
Johnathon Miner	7 Aug 1754	" " " "
Deliverance Miner	18 Feb. 1756	" " " "
Nathan Willey Miner	24 Oct. 1757	" " " "
Mehitable Miner	28 Jun 1759	" " " "
Timothy Miner	17 Apr 1762	" " " "
Abigail Miner	4 Apr 1762 ⁷⁶	" " " "

This record and Elihu's Father William, Son of Clement, Son of Thomas, The Imigrant is found in the Miner Genealogy by 6 #4-14
Conn E 7 p 37, 38, 40, 42, 43, 45, 47
Conn 7 Vol 6 p 123 also in "The Lyons Whelps".

RICHARD K. MINER, D.M.D.
551 SOUTH SECOND EAST
SPRINGVILLE, UTAH

This Asa, Son of Asa and Lois is the only Asa in any record ever found whose birthdate is in 1777 and who has Sylvester linked as a brother in some fashion. So we are claiming him as our Azel or Asa.

We are all fine out here. Our son Alan is going to St. Lewis, Missouri to Dental School this fall. This might be close enough for us to get to see you sometime while he is there. I certainly hope so. I think you must be as extra special woman and we thank you so very much for all you have done for us and the interest you have in our common ancestry.

I am sending you a copy of "The Lyons Whelps". Keep it, we have two copies.

Mrs. Kenneth E. Griffin
R.D. #2. Box 41
3221 State Rt. 162 East
New London, Ohio 44851

Yours Truly,

Richard K. Miner
Richard K. Miner

April 9, 1977

Dear Mrs Griffin,

Thank you so much for your letter pertaining to Asa - Azel Miner. And thank you so much for sharing so much of your self and your love for genealogy with us, not to mention all the wonderful material we have received from you. You have got to be some special person and we love you for it. If we don't meet some time in this life I surely want to meet you in the next so we can ^{visit} with each other and some of our common ancestors. I am more and more convinced that Asa who married Lois is our Azel's father and that Azel's name was Asa. One branch of our family spent six months of concerted effort to try to disprove this relationship. They could not, so have accepted it until something with better proof one way or another comes along.

Our weather in the west is too good. Too much sunshine and not enough rain. The drought is real but so far we haven't suffered too much. We're anxious about the farm crops this summer, however. We are all well, healthy and happy including my 93year old mother. She would have loved to have known you. She has been an avid genealogist. Thank you again for your interest in us.

Sincerely,

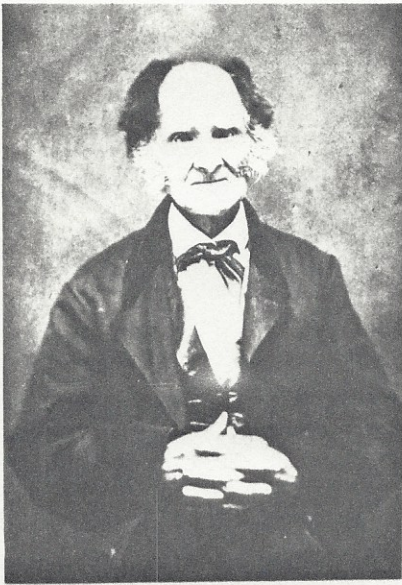
Richard K. Miner

STOP 17.

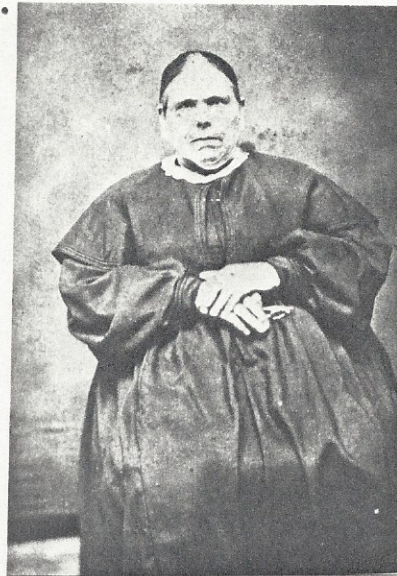


A 1952 view of the Catharine C. (Johnson) Foote
home on the old Philo Thomas Porter farm.
Below: Same house as it appeared in 1905 picture.



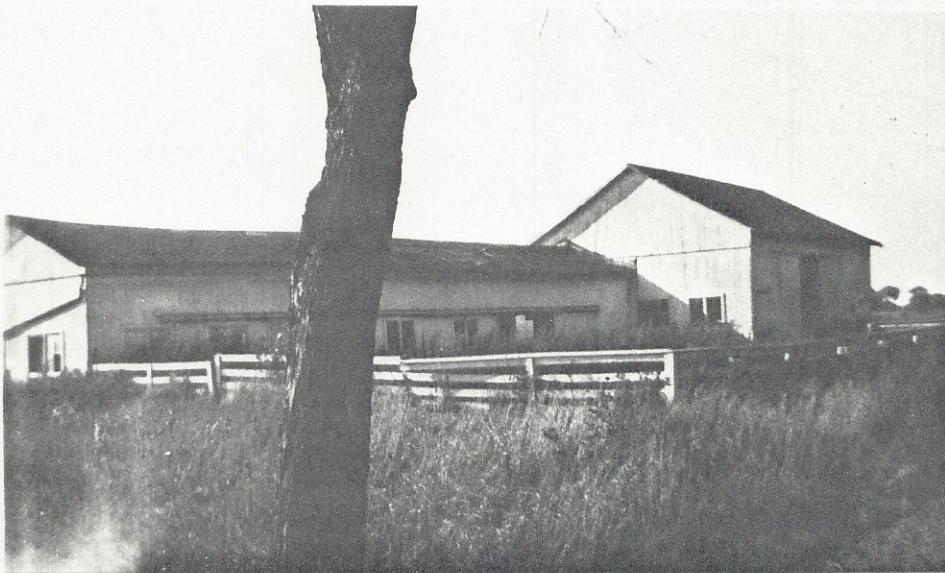


Philo Thomas Porter
1795-1876
First Constable
of New London, Ohio.
Came to New London
in 1815.



Polly (Miner) Porter
1802-1876
Came to New London
in 1817.

Your great, great, great, great grandparents.



Barn built by Philo Thomas Porter
Before 1851
He moved to Beloit, Wisconsin in
1852.

STOP 17: House built in 1855 on the Philo Thomas Porter farm. Later owned by Catharine C. (Johnson) Foote and her daughter Eva.

According to Henry Timman's Huron County Historian this house was built in 1855 by Nathaniel Runyan on a fourteen acre parcel and in 1867 he sold this to Catharine C. (Johnson) Foote, widow of Ira, and her daughter Eva.

Catharine had six acres where the buildings were and Eva had the rest. Here in this home Catharine your great, great, great grandmother probably died.

In Maude L. Porter's account of "MY COUNTRY HOME" she writes this concerning this place. She was coming from the village of New London and going north when she wrote this account.

"There we have left the boundaries of the town. At the left hand side is an old barn built in an antique fashion. Opposite it a dwelling used to stand. On we go, there is a field of corn at your right and at your left a field of sky blue flax. What romantic house is this? Covered with vines and surrounded by huge trees, holly hocks and grape arbors. It is wood color with windows to the floor and shutters to the doors. This was the home of my mother. Happiness and then sadness was within this home and then abides ever changed." This would be the place that your great, great, grandmother Eva Foote married Emery Ford Porter.

In the 1873 Atlas of Huron County published by D. L. Lake there is 18 acres in the name of E. Foote which includes this house. In the 1891 Atlas it is listed as property of Maria B. Matoon. I also know this house was spoken of as the Matoon place.

Catharine C. (Johnson) Foote was born at Gorham, New York. She was the daughter of William W. Johnson and his first wife Lydia Cortelyou of near Cranberry, New Jersey. In the spring of 1825 William Johnson and his family removed to Gorham, New York where he remained until the year 1835 when he came to Huron County with his second wife Melinda

Blodgett. William W. Johnson was the son of William Johnson and Ann Prine or Perrin who lived on the main road between Englishtown and Cranberry, New Jersey.

William and Lydia his first wife had seven children as follows:

1. Ralph Cortelyou Johnson born Aug. 31, 1822; married Eliza Townsend and had a dau. Eliza who married Richard Merrick.
2. Gitty Ann (Gertrude) Johnson born Dec. 28, 1825; married John Coult Ransom and had the following children: George Washington; John Harrison (John Donaldson's grandfather); Charles Jay-unmarried; Mary Coult - unmarried; Lilly and Nellie May who both died in infancy.
3. Mary Ann Johnson born July 5, 1825 married William Prosser. Had family

4. Eliza Jane Johnson born April 8, 1827. She married Samuel King Barnes and they moved to Iowa. Had family.
5. Alfred Stults Johnson born March 29, 1829. He married Philothe Townsend and had son Homer Hosea.
6. Catharine C. Johnson born Dec. 7, 1830; married Ira Foote. (Your great, great, great grandmother.)
7. William C. Johnson born Feb. 11, 1833; died in infancy.

Children by his second wife Melinda Blodgett.

8. Lewis Johnson born Sept. 13, 1835. He married and had family. (Grandfather of the Fuller children)
9. Philena Johnson born Nov. 16, 1837; married 1st. George Foote, a brother of John and Ira; married 2nd. John Bigelow and had one son.
10. Oliver Johnson born June 14, 1841; died in infancy.
11. Lydia Johnson born Sept. 14, 1843; died in infancy.

Following the death of his second wife he married Mrs. Hepsebeth (Blodgett) Eaton, an aunt of his second wife Melinda. She agreed to marry William on condition that when she died, he bury her with her first husband in Peru.

Catharine C. (Johnson) Foote was always called Kate. She signed her name this way in letters to her sister. Mr. William Byron Thom in his recollections of former residences of New London says: "Soon after the closing of Mrs. Wright's school Mrs. Kate Foote taught a select school in the Ira Liggett house, just below the Big Four tracks on North Main Street. Among the pupils wereMrs. Foote's daughter Eva of course one of us." "After Liggett left this house, it was occupied by Mrs. Kate Foote, who kept the select school which I have already referred to." In another article he refers to this school as, "Little McGuffey College taught by Mrs. Kate Foote in the middle 1860's."

It is hard to realize in those days they did not have schools as we do today. There were no public schools and unless the children's parents paid someone to teach their children they could not read or write. However people were eager to learn and we find that even young men, sometimes married would go to school nights to learn to read and write. It was not uncommon for someone who did have an education to gather a group together and teach them. Both of Kate's husbands had attended Oberlin College.

From here we travelled just a little farther south. About the length of a good big garden and we come to a small knoll where your great, great, great, great grandfather Philo Thomas Porter's log cabin stood.

STOP 18. Site of Philo Thomas Porter's log cabin and old barn built by Philo himself. Barn now gone also.

Philo Thomas Porter was born October 23, 1795 in New York State according to the 1850 Census; and died May 30, 1876 at Beloit, Wisconsin in Turtle township.

We do not know when he came to Ohio, but by tradition he had to come here before 1803 when his father was scalped by Indians. We also know he fought in the War of 1812. He served from Dec. 1, 1812 to March 8, 1813 in Capt. A.

Shepherds Co. of Ohio Militia as a substitute for Thomas Hewitt. In later years he received a government pension and in a statement among his file of pension papers he states that he had one skirmish with the Indians and then he was sent to Maumee to help build Fort Meigs.

In 1815 Philo Thomas Porter came to New London with his mother, brother and sister. On Sept. 19, 1821 he married Miss Polly Miner who was born Sept. 13, 1802 at Ontario County, New York and died Oct. 11, 1875 in Turtle township, Rock County, Wisconsin.

What was it like here when Philo Thomas and his family came? We can never imagine the hardships they went through. How much trouble is it to get a loaf of bread today? Let me tell you what it was like when your fourth great grandfather was a young man. In a PIONEER HISTORY OF CLARKSFIELD, By Dr. F. E. Weeks is this account on page 35 written by Stephen Post concerning either 1816 or 1818.

"The nearest mill was eighty miles away, down on Owl Creek, where my father went once the first year we lived in New London, with a wagon loaded with corn and wheat and a pair of oxen and one horse hitched ahead of them to haul the load, my oldest brother riding the horse to lead the way and Philo T. Porter bringing up the rear with another ox team hauling another wagon like loaded. Well they made the trip and returned home in three weeks, being delayed by high waters, where they found hungry, anxious friends awaiting them."

Years ago Aunt Ona contacted J. H. Williams, historian in Norwalk about where the mill on Owl Creek was and he said there was a mill in the vicinity of Granville, perhaps ninety miles south of New London in 1817.

The first election in New London township was held the first Monday in April in 1817 and Philo T. Porter was elected constable.

Philo's daughter Almira who was born in 1825 wrote an article for the NEW LONDON RECORD in her latter years concerning the early history of New London as follows:

"My father came to New London in 1814, when a young man, with his Mother's family, his father being buried near Ft. Wayne. My mother's folks came later, and got acquainted with each other, and were married in 1820 and settled two miles and a half north of town. What I have heard Father tell about and can remember of the early settlers, the hardship they underwent to clear off a small patch of ground, it was a laborious task. They were a hardy race to endure it. It took a week to go to mill, trailing through the woods without any road, watching the sun for a guide.

Most of the families had a stump hollowed out and with a spring pole pounded corn for a johnny cake and baked it before the fire on a board. Some had large grates to grate corn, others a jack plane to make hominy. Some families were destitute of these, living in the spring of the year on basswood leaves, leeks, wild onions and milk, two and three days at a time. Wolves, bears, and wild turkey were plentiful. The wolves made havoc with what few sheep were kept and the men would surround a large circle of land with their dogs and guns and travel inward till they got a wolf surrounded then have their sport running in the ring and

catching the wolf by the tail and then try to run out of the ring. Our mothers could card, spin, and weave and make their own clothes, do the house work, go on foot three and four miles visiting and back the same day.

After a while the men built a horse mill to grind corn. It was put up near the place where Charles Peck now lives, then later moved to New London corners near Van Gorder's block. The first school house was built on the farm that Mrs. Jenney owns. The first female teacher was a Miss Case, later the wife of Hosea Townsend. The first resident physician was a Dr. Christopher, who lies beneath the sod in our beautiful cemetery. The first Methodist preacher was Elder Hanney. The first white child born was Eunice Case. The first store was kept by Wm. C. Spaulding and Harriet Peck on the corners near where Mr. Lindenau lives. The first frame house was put up by Hosea Townsend. The first shoe shop by N. Runyan, where Mr. Matoon lives. The first post office was kept by I. P. Case, near where George O'Haro lives.

Wild fruit was quite plentiful, such as plums, gooseberries, blackberries, huckleberries and cranberries. The Indians used to come around once in a while and trade venison for pork. The hogs were fattened on shack such as beechnuts, butternuts, hickory nuts and black walnuts which were plentiful in the fall of the year. The men's clothing was made of woolen and linen and some of the men had buckskin for pants. The girl's best dresses were made of cotton cloth colored copperas color and by their tell they enjoyed themselves as though dressed in silk and did not feel debarred from society.

They had their amusement in logging-bees and husking-bees where the women did the baking, prepared the supper and spent the evening in tripping the 'fantastic toe'. The first school house that I took my lesson in was made of logs, the ends notched in to make them come closer together, then chinkens put in and muddled over; three small windows on three sides. A Dutch fireplace, the back being made of bog ore, the rest laid up of split lath and muddled over inside and outside to keep it from taking fire. The floor and seats were made of split logs called puncheon boards. The roof was made of shakes which were held to their place with poles. Our school books were Webster's spelling book, English reader and Dayball's arithmetic and if our books were scarce we had some good scholars." Signed, A.H. (Almira Hemenway)

When Philo Thomas Porter first came to New London township he settled in Section 3, on lot 10 according to the HISTORY OF HURON AND ERIE COUNTIES by W. W. Williams in 1879 but he never officially received a valid deed to this land.

We do know in the very earliest day when people first came into this area the land was not parcelled off as we know it today. A man might buy a certain number of acres and he just went into that man's tract of land and settled where he wanted to. If he did not like the location he changed to another location on the same tract or section of the township where his land was supposed to be. That may have been what happened to Philo Thomas. Then at some later day people would apply to the court to have their land set off for them. Generally several would petition the court together.

The first land I could find deeded to Philo Thomas Porter was 104 acres of land in the north part of Lot 8 in section 3, deeded to Philo T. on Oct. 23, 1830 by the Heirs of Nathan Douglass. There were a total of 29 people signed the deed to this land (Recorded in Huron County Deed Records Vol. 6, Page 587 - Old Series) This would be the northern part of the farm formerly owned by Clarence Timmons and the part of the farm where his house stood which carried the name Spring Hill Farm on the barn on the east side of St. Route 60 north of New London.

Just to the south of the house and barns the land drops away to a little creek or ditch which runs later into the Vermilion River. Between the level of the barn land and the creek you will find a small spring still flowing today from the bank. When Aunt Paula was a little girl we never went by that place without stopping to get a drink of water from the pipe that was always running from the spring in the hillside. I can remember stopping with my grandmother Eva F. Porter and she would water the horse at the trough there, then we would get out of the buggy and get a drink and she would always pick a sprig of the fragrant spearmint which grew there in abundance.

On Sept. 25, 1833 Philo sold this land to John Miller for the sum of \$1200. "being farm on which the said Porter and Aurora Porter now live." He must have had this land all cleared and a log cabin on it to bring this amount of money.

Less than a month later on Oct. 24, 1833 Philo Thomas purchased of Pickett Latimer and Ebenezer Lane of Norwalk a total of 233 acres of land made up of five parcels of land in Section 4 in lots 15, 10 and 13 all lying adjunct for the sum of \$134.55. (Deed Records Vol. 8, Page 133)

In the 1825 Tax Records of Huron County we find that Philo paid taxes on a total of 645½ acres of land. There were 240½ acres of land in Section 2, and 240½ acres showed on the tax records in section 4. The description is the same on this land as the land he purchased from Latimer and Lane in 1833. Evidently he had purchased this land quite early but had never received legal title to it until 1833.

In 1835 Philo purchased the land where the site of the log cabin stands. This land was adjoined to the other land he owned above. Richard White was deceased and on Oct. 14, 1835 his farm was divided into parcels with 12 acres plus for each of his children. Philo bought the tracts from three of the children. One stated no amount of money but he paid \$100. and \$120. for the other two. (Deed Record Vol. 12, pages 73, 74, 75)

Philo purchased 20 acres more of land in 1841 which also adjoining the rest of his farm thus making him a total of some 290 acres.

This land ran generally in an "L" shaped tract of land on the north and west sides of the corporation limits of the village of New London with the southern edge of the farm bordering on State Route 162 where Maurice J. Lawrence and Harold Sturdevant farms are located. From here the land ran north and then east with the southern boundaries of the tract being the northern limits of the corporation of the village of New London.

In looking at a map of the area I was again reminded of what Cousin Wilbur Porter said at the reunion. Where ever Philo Thomas Porter went he always chose land which had a stream running through it." Water was so vital for stock and for the use of a home especially before they had wells and cisterns.

In 1851 Philo made a trip to Turtle township, Rock County, Wisconsin and bought some 1000 acres of land at \$15. per acre of Mr. Samuel Colley. An amusing story is told in connection with the purchase. Mrs. Colley would not sign off on the deed unless Mr. Porter would add to the purchase price a new silk dress for herself. Mr Colley called Philo aside and told him to purchase the dress and that he would refund the purchase price of the dress to him. So Philo bought the silk dress for Mrs. Colley.

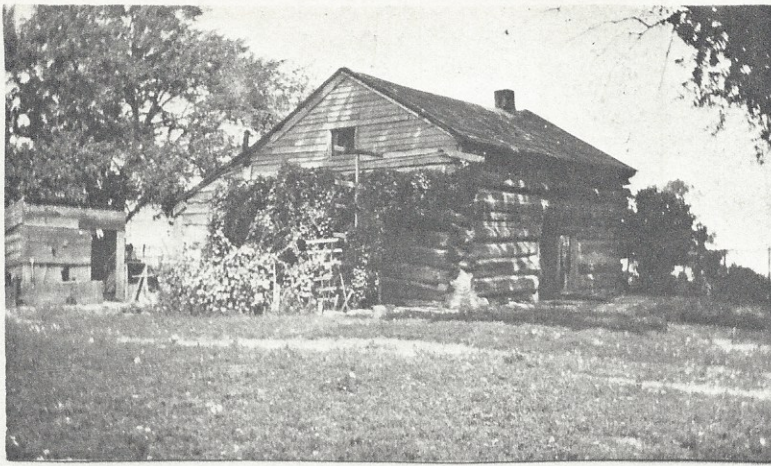
After Philo had purchased this land he returned home to New London and in the spring of 1852 the father, now aged 56, his sons Philo, age 21, George age 16, and Albert age 11 drove their cattle and some 1000 head of sheep overland to the farm they had purchased about six miles east of Beloit, Wisconsin. At this time some of Philo's children were married and had families of their own. These remained in Ohio.

The mother Polly was 50 years old when she started their westward trek of some 550 miles to make a new life in a new place. She went by railroad from Ohio to Belvidere, Illinois taking the two youngest children, Polly age 9 and Daniel Webster age 7 with her. From here they went by stagecoach to Beloit, and in Beloit went by wagon to the Cogswell farm, and then walked the last few miles to their new home.

We are not sure what persuaded our ancestor Philo Thomas Porter to make this move to Wisconsin. His wife Polly had at least one brother Joel who had gone several years before, and without a doubt he wrote back glowing accounts of the richness of the soil and the good land. I am sure at least ten families moved from New London to Rock County area. It has also been said that Philo's wife Polly had "shaking ague". Today we would call it malaria. Because of the swampy area around New London at that time he may have thought she would be in better health.

The land was rich and a good creek flowed through the farm. Later a railroad was built across Philo Thomas's farm and a railroad station was built called Porter's Station. Back of this station George W. Porter ran a brickyard. Brick was used in the construction of some of the early houses in Beloit and were built from bricks made on this farm. The clay for bricks was obtained along the creek which crossed the farm. Fragments of brick from this brickyard may still be found in the area.

Here Philo Thomas Porter, his wife Polly and their younger sons and daughter spent the rest of their lives. They still have a Porter reunion in Beloit, every year on the last Sunday of June. In 1976 Aunt Paula and Uncle Kenneth attended the reunion held at the home of Wilbur L. Porter in Beloit. There we met many of our Porter cousins. The next



STOP 18.

LOG CABIN

Type of home Philo Thomas
Porter
lived in while in
New London, Ohio

(Picture: Old Log
house on Fairfield Road.)

Home of
Philo Thomas Porter in
Turtle township, Rock
County, Wisconsin.

Located on Milwaukee
road, approximately
four miles east of
Beloit, Wisconsin.

A 1975 photo just before
torn down to widen road.

Purchased in 1851.



Cemetery where
Philo Thomas
Porter
is buried in
Clinton, town-
ship, Rock
County, Wisc.

His wife
Polly (Miner)
Porter
also buried
here.

No stones mark
their graves.

June 26, 1976

NOTE: Page 54 is continued on page 57

In an effort to help you identify Porter land in Wisconsin on the map of Turtle township on the preceeding page I quote in part from CENTENNIAL HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF TURTLE, Rock County, Wisconsin Page 171. 1836 - 1936 by Annie S. McLenegan.

PORTER AND MARSTON

Philo Porter, the ancestor of Porters in the Town of Turtle, was born in Ohio in 1798. He married Polly Minor and lived on a farm near New London, Ohio. Their family consisted of ten children. In 1851, Mr. Porter came to Turtle and bought 1000 acres of land. He returned in 1852, with cattle and sheep; some of the family with household goods came by covered wagon.

One son, Webster, color-bearer in the 16th. Wisconsin Regiment, died of wounds received at Atlanta. Four sons and one daughter came to Turtle. Alfred had the farm now owned by Mrs. Frank Bengston. In 1871, he went to Kansas to live. George lived on the present Frank Johnson farm. His sons, William and Robert live in South Beloit. The home of Philo, Jr. was the Samuel Hammel place. His daughter, Mary, married Fred Ross; another daughter Minnie, became the wife of Revd. John Jordan of Rochester, Wis. Albert lived on the Fred Wallace farm until he moved to Beloit, where his sons, James and Franklin and their families now live.

Polly, daughter of Philo and Polly Minor Porter, in 1866 became the wife of Simon C. Marston. Her land is now the home of Eugene J. Lathers. Later, the Marstons bought the Porter homestead, where they lived. Mr. Marston died in 1904; Mrs. Marston, in 1921. They had six children, four sons and two daughters. All but one of these, the eldest son, who went West, have lived in Turtle. Webster P. Marston for 20 years in the Chicago Fire Department, lives on the Porter homestead, Milwaukee, Road. The home of Roy C. is on Route 6; his sons are Lewis, Gordon, and Merton. Albert E. lives on Route 7; his daughter is Mrs. Eloise Schnaitter, of Fort Peck, Mont. Of the daughters, Letitia married Edwin C. Dresser. Their children are Marston, who lives in Sharon, Mrs. Ardis Dresser, and Irene. Floy became the wife of E. M. Bumsted. They have two sons, George and Milton, and two daughters, now Mrs. George Kelsey and Mrs. Crawford Ellis.

Five generations of the Porters have lived in the homestead on Milwaukee Road. This property was bought by Samuel G. Colley in 1851. The members of this family maintain an active interest in town affairs. Edwin Dresser, Ardis Dresser, and Mrs. Roy Marston are Grange leaders of long standing. Mr. Webster Marston has served as Health Officer of Turtle; Mrs. Bumsted is a past president of the Millestad Auxiliary to the Beloit camp of Spanish War Veterans. The Porter family observes an annual reunion on the last Sunday in June at the Porter homestead.

On Saturday, August 1, 1936, Lewis C. Marston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Marston, married Miss Helen V. Klaus of Madison. They make that city their home. Their second son, Gordon, on Saturday, August 8, 1936, married Miss Helen Samp, daughter of Mrs. Adelaide Samp, Beloit.

The following is a copy of a bill. Marked on the outside of folded paper this: "P. T. Porter, Bill, Jan'y 20, 1832"

This original was sent to Paula Porter Griffin by Mrs. Howard C. Weaver, Rt. 1, Box 250, Lucas, Ohio 44843 (she was formerly Jean Bartlett of New London and a great, great, grand-daughter of John Miller) I received this in June 1974. This is in Philo Thomas Porter's handwriting.

John Miller Dr

to Salting cattle and yarding sheep — — — 100
 to taking mare to Wellington — — — 62
 to boarding Lewis and Mathewson 10 days 25
 to two hundred four pounds flour — — — 3 36
 to sixteen pounds sugar — — — 1-54
 to eight pounds butter — — — 64
 to labor in haying one day — — — 63
 to house rent bedding and fire wood — — — 5-00
 to tending cattle from 10 Nov to 16 Dec — — — 3-50
 to boarding — — — 75
 \$18.29

1832 Jan'y 20th To Lending Stock to this date — — — 3.00
 To 1/2nd for pasturing Mares at Brighton — — — 75
 To 1/2nd for digging, clearing and other work — — — 1.00
 To 1/2nd for clearing 210 B. Cows — — — 8.40
 \$31.44

To 1/2nd for last Spring \$15.00
 To Balance old ac — — — 6.67
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 all accounts Evens Quarter Philo T Porter

P. T. Porter
Bill - Jany 20th, 1832

John Miller, Dr.

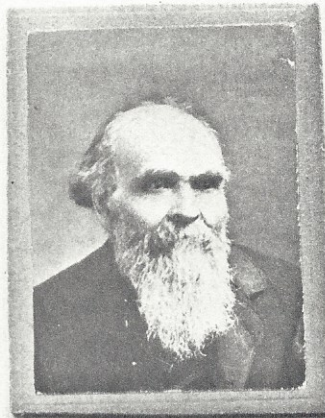
to salting cattle and yarding sheep	\$1.00
to taking mare to Wellington (would be about 15 miles one way)	.62
to boarding Lewis and Mathewson 10 days	1.25
to two hundred four pounds flour	3.36
to sixteen pounds sugar	1.54
to eight pounds butter	.64
to labor in haying one day	.63
to house rent, beding and firewood	5.00
to tending cattle from 10 Nov. to 16 dec.	3.50
to boarding	.75
Jan. 20, 1832	<u>\$18.29</u>
to tending stock to this date	3.00
to paid for pasturing mare at Brighton	.75
to drawing straw and other work	1.00
to threshing 210 bushel Oats @ 4¢	8.40
	<u>\$30.44</u>
to 1 pair <u>steer</u> last spring	\$15.00
to balance old account	<u>6.67</u>
	<u>21.67</u>
	<u>\$52.11</u>

Received payment by settlement of all accounts
errors excepted. Philo T. Porter

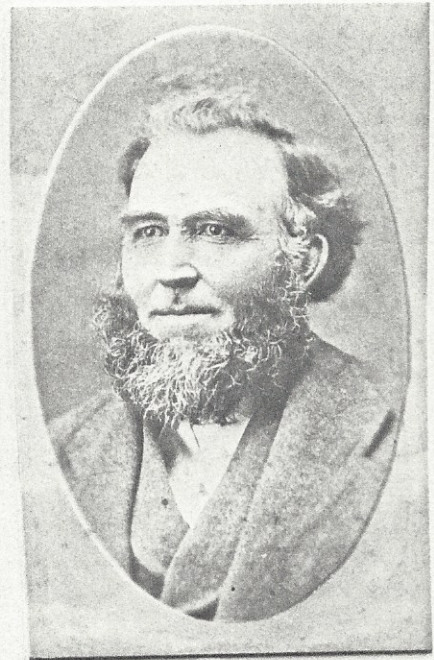
This bill gives us a little insight into what our ancestor Philo Thomas Porter did when he lived at New London, Ohio and how much he earned for such work. Can you imagine the work which he did to thresh out 210 bushels of oats? The oats had to be flailed or beat out by hand and then winnowed (or poured from one basket to another) to let the wind carry the chaff out of the grain. For this he received the sum of 4¢ per bushel.



Sylvia Porter



Alfred Porter
who went
to
Kansas



Philo Porter

Three of Philo Thomas Porter's children all born in New London, Ohio

day they took us out and showed us where Philo Thomas Porter's old home had stood in Turtle township. This home had sheltered five generations of Porter's. It was located on the Milwaukee Road approximately four miles east of Beloit. This home was demolished for widening of Milwaukee Road in 1975. They also showed us the Turtle Township Hall where all the meetings in the community were held, the place Porter Railroad Station had stood, where the brickyard was, and homes of various members of the family in the area. A part of Philo's farm is now a fine residential section of Beloit. What stories Philo could tell us today if he were here! An era of our civilization which is lost forever.

Philo Thomas and his wife Polly (Miner) Porter had ten children all born in New London township as follows:

1. Alfred born Aug. 1, 1822; died in Council Grove, Kansas Dec. 27, 1899. He married Clarissa Bassett. He attended Oberlin College for two years and was a school teacher for many years. In 1853 he moved to Beloit, Wisconsin and then later in 1869 he moved to a farm six miles west of Council Grove, Kansas. He had seven children and some of his descendants still live there on the old Porter farm. The old Santa Fe trail went right through the farm.
2. William Porter born May 10, 1824; died May 2, 1861; buried Grove Street Cemetery, New London, Ohio married Adaline Harriet White. (This is your great, great, great grandparents) They had two sons Emery and Frank.
3. Almira Porter born June 5, 1825; died Dec. 26, 1903; buried Grove Street Cemetery, New London. Married Joseph Hemenway. Had one daughter Mary Marinda who married D. J. C. Arnold a prominent manufacturer in New London.
4. Phebe Porter born Aug. 2, 1827; died Dec. 4, 1850; Buried Day Cemetery, New London; Married March 24, 1847 Joseph Ames. Died without issue.
5. Sylvia Porter born April 25, 1829; died Oct. 20, 1853. buried in Day Cemetery, New London; married May 5, 1852 LaFayette Bingham. No issue.
6. Philo Porter born Feb. 28, 1831; died June 19, 1899 in Wisconsin. Married Jane Lutink and had three children.
7. George Washington Porter born May 16, 1835; died April 12, 1907 in Wisconsin. Married Carrie Laws and had two sons.
8. Albert Miner Porter born Aug. 29, 1839; died July 16, 1920 in Wisconsin. Married Maria Ellis and had four children.
9. Polly Elmina Porter born Jan. 24, 1843; died June 9, 1921 in Wisconsin. Married John Love and had ten children.
10. Daniel Webster Porter born May 26, 1845; died Sept. 27, 1864 unmarried in Beloit, Wisconsin. He enlisted in the Civil War and was wounded while carrying out an important mission which he had volunteered to do.

He was in the Infantry and was wounded on August 6th, prior to the battle of Atlanta. He was sent home to die. When news came that Atlanta had fallen, he raised up in bed and shouted "Hurrah" and fell back on his pillow and was gone.

As we left this place where your great, great, great, great grandfather Philo Thomas Porter had settled so long ago we proceeded on south on State Route 60 into the village of New London itself. We passed through the stoplight on the square and continued on down Route 60 which is also called South Main street until we came to the Baptist Church on your right where so many of our ancestors went to church.

We did not actually stop at the church but I pointed the church out to them as we went by, but I am including in STOP 18 what I know of the part this church has played in the lives of their ancestors.

STOP 18. First Baptist Church, 81 South Main Street, New London, Ohio.

Here in this church many of your first through fourth great grandparents had their church home. William Johnson had accepted Christ as his Saviour from sin at special meetings held in Gorham township, Ontario County, New York, and afterwards united with the Bethel Baptist Church there. The old membership list of this church shows that he and his first wife Lydia (Cortelyou) Johnson who was your fourth great grandmother both joined the Baptist Church there in 1832. She was a member until 1834 when she died. William was a member there until 1835 when he came to Hartland township, Huron County, Ohio. His second wife Melinda (Blodgett) Johnson was also a member there from 1832-1836.

After William Johnson came to Hartland township in 1835 we find he was a member of the Fitchville Baptist Church which now stands by the cemetery in Fitchville and was built in 1843 and finished in 1846. Just when he joined this church I do not know but in the church minutes the first mention of him is on June 4, 1838 when "William Johnson was appointed on a committee whoes duty it shall be to provide for meetings on the Sabbath." He and his second wife were dismissed from this church by letter on Feb. 6, 1841.

William and his wife Melinda united with the Baptist Church in New London by letter on March 13, 1843. He remained a member until dismissed by death Feb. 24, 1867, and Melinda's record was marked "dismissed by death."

Catharine C. Johnson, daughter of William and Lydia (Cortelyou) Johnson who married first John Foote and then Ira Foote, became a member after her baptism on March 19, 1843, and she remained a member until Jan. 5, 1861. I might also add that Ira Foote's grandmother, Huldah (Rossiter) Foote wife of John Foote was the first person baptized in the Fitchville Baptist Church. She was baptized July 1, 1838 by Elder Abbott.

Benjamin Ford White and his wife Betsey Elizabeth (Stults) White who were your great, great, great, great grandparents were the first of your ancestors to become members of this church. They too had been members of the same Bethel Baptist Church in Gorham as well as William Johnson and his family. They were members of the church in Gorham from 1832-1836.

After Benjamin and his wife sold their land in Gorham township in October 1836 they came to Huron County, Ohio. According to the 1837 and 1838 personal property tax records found in the Auditors Office at the Huron County Court House in Norwalk they were living in New London township. However they show up in Lyme township with personal property there in 1839, 1840, and 1841. So I think they were back and forth as Benjamin's wife had two brothers John and Ralph Stults living there. We do know that they joined the Baptist Church in New London by letter on February 27, 1841. Benjamin was elected the only Deacon of the church for several years and was active in all the affairs of the church.

In the autumn of 1842 the Millerite movement swept across the United States and we find "Parson" Miller preaching in many of the Baptist Churches. This religious movement later became the Advent Christian Church. There is no mention in the Baptist Church records of this but we do know that on May 6, 1854, about a year before he died that the church withdrew the right hand of fellowship from Benjamin Ford White for unsound doctrine and at his death he was an Advent.

Adaline Harriet White your great, great, great grandmother, daughter of Benjamin and Betsey (Stults) White united with this church by baptism on Jan. 30, 1848 and was dismissed by death Jan. 1, 1875. She married William Porter and he was baptized on the Sabbath Day by Elder B. Newton on August 7, 1859 and was a member until his death May 3, 1861.

I might add a note here on baptism. In the Baptist Church they were not baptized by sprinkling but were immersed or put beneath the waters. They would go to some river and the pastor who baptized them would wade out into the water, perhaps up to his waist and when he baptized the people he put their entire body under the water. No one ever seemed to catch cold when baptized even in freezing weather.

Aunt Ona has told me how her father Emery Ford Porter had accepted Christ as his Saviour during some special meetings at the Baptist Church in New London. Before any one could become a member of the church they had to be baptized. The old church records reveal that both he and his brother Frank were baptized in Buck Creek south of New London on February 15, 1874, along with a number of other people. Some of them Methodists and some of them Baptists. After this both Emery and Frank became members of the Baptist Church. Aunt Ona told me how her father used to tell her about how they took an ax and cut a hole in the ice so he could be baptized.

Emery Ford Porter was a trustee of the church at the time that the present church was built in the spring of 1832 and later he was a Deacon there. He remained a member and contributed to this church until he died.

Although Emery Ford Porter's wife Cora Eva Foote did not join the church we do know that she attended and was a member of the Ladies Society of the church in later years. While the family was living in Cincinnati Aunt Ona told me they attended a Baptist church there but I cannot remember the name of it. Aunt Ona also was a member of this church when she died.

Your great grandmother Marie A. (Golding) Porter although never a member first went here when she was just a little girl hanging on her grandfather Truman Hemenway's little finger. Truman Hemenway joined the church, March 3, 1860 by experience. After his death Marie went to the Congregational Church where her girl friend went and was a member until it closed. Later this church was sold to the Catholics and today is the Catholic Church where Christy and Sheri Porter go to church.

In later years when Aunt Pat was in High School she and her mother became members of the Methodist Church in New London and she was still a member at the time of her death, and rejoicing in the fact that she was going to be with the Lord for all eternity.

However the last six years that your great grandmother Marie Porter lived she attended this Baptist Church with Aunt Paula and Uncle Kenneth, as she was living with us.

I want to give an account of one afternoon of her life which will serve to show some of her faith and hope in the life to come. Her brother, Preston Golding had died very suddenly of a heart attack and she was a very brittle diabetic. About five days following his death she went into shock and lay in a coma at my home for fifteen days. Really no one expected her to live. After she came out of the coma she was very weak and one noon as I brought her lunch to her she said. "Oh, don't get in the light! You shut out the light! Everything is bright and shining!" That afternoon she waited for the Lord to send his angels to carry her home to Heaven. Together we sang some of the old familiar hymns with her voice loud and clear. We read and talked about various precious promises in the Word of God. Occasionally she would say, "Why doesn't He take me?" This continued all afternoon until about 4:30 when she became almost upset to think the Lord had not come to take her home. I reminded her the Lord would not come until he was ready for her. That evening she did not want to go to sleep. She was still waiting. However by ten o'clock she finally had fallen asleep. In the morning she awoke much improved and within two weeks she was back in church. It was over two years after this before she joined her husband in Heaven with other loved ones whom had accepted Christ as their own personal saviour from sin and had now gone to their heavenly home.

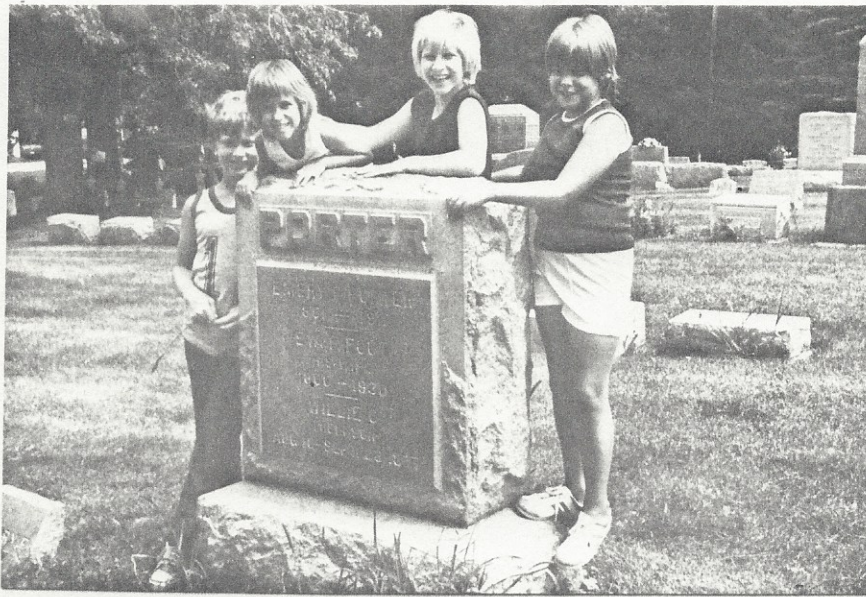


STOP 20.
GROVE STREET
CEMETERY
at
New London,
Ohio

Chad, Sheri, Christy and Rochelle Porter
standing beside the grave stone of their
great grandparents, Willard and Marie
Porter



Christy, Chad, Sheri and Rochelle Porter
beside stone of great, great, great
grandmother, Mary Elizabeth Lester.
(on same lot as stone above)



STOP 20.
GROVE STREET
CEMETERY
at
New London,
Ohio.

Chad, Christy, Rochelle and Sheri Porter
Standing beside gravestone of their great
great grandparents, Emery Ford Porter
and wife Eva (Foote) Porter.

Christy, Rochelle, Sheri and
Chad Porter standing beside
the monument of their four
great, great, great grand-
parents as follows:

William Porter and wife
Adaline Harriet (White)

Ira Foote and wife
Catharine C. (Johnson)

also

John M. Foote, brother
of Ira Foote and first
husband of Catharine
C. (Johnson)
(Had no children)



We continued on down Route 60 until we came to Grove Street on our left and after traveling a short distance down the street we came to the Grove Street Cemetery where so many of our ancestors are buried.

STOP 19. Grove Street Cemetery, New London Village.

Here in this cemetery are three lots which are the burial places of nine of your first, second and third great grandparents. As we go in the main gate and start up the hill just about at the brink of the hill and about the third row over on the right, you will notice a tombstone which says simply "Porter". Here your great grandparents are buried. Willard Foote Porter who was born Dec. 29, 1887 and who died Feb. 13, 1954; Marie Augusta (Golding) Porter who was born Jan. 7, 1888 and died March 27, 1973. Also buried beside her is her great grandchild, Infant Porter who was still-born Dec. 4, 1976 the child of David and Alice Christina (Cook) Porter.

There is another stone on this lot with simply this "Mary E. Lester, died Dec. 30, 1898" This is Marie (Golding) Porter's Grandmother Lester and she would be your great, great, great grandmother. According to Huron County Death Records she died Dec. 31, 1898 age 68 years.

From here we cross the drive to the left hand side of the main drive and start diagonally toward the front northeast corner of the cemetery. About one-third of the way across we find another Porter monument. This is the monument of Willard F. Porter's parents and the inscription on the big monument reads thus:

Emery F. Porter 1851 - 1911 (your great, great grand-
Eva F. Foot, his wife 1860 - 1930. parents)
Willie C., their son, Aug. 10 - Sept. 23, 1877

There are small markers for each of these and we also find a fourth marker with W. Fowden marked on it. This was a young man who worked for your great grandfather Willard Porter. He was not married and one day for some reason unknown a horse in the barn kicked him and he later died. He was buried here on this Porter lot.

Years later when your grandpa's were tearing down the old horse stalls which were located in a wing on the north side of the barn they found a strange chisel buried in the floor by the manger near the horses head. Your great grandfather Willard Porter thought that probably workmen who were working on the barn at the time of the accident had dropped the chisel and that is what had scared the horse and made him kick.

From here we started diagonally across the cemetery toward the southeast corner of the cemetery toward the mausoleum. About three-fourths of the way across the cemetery we come to a very large monument which says Foote on two sides and Porter on two sides of the base. This Porter and Foote monument was erected June 5, 1884, at a cost of \$500. by Emery F. Porter and his wife according to the NEW LONDON RECORD. His parents and her parents were

all moved to the same lot and then they had this monument erected. Here are where four of your great, great, great grandparents are buried. The following is copied from this big monument.

PORTER - North side

William Porter, died May 2, 1861
Aged 37 Yr's, 11 Mo's, 22 D'ys.

"Dearest William, Thous hast left me,
Here thy loss I deeply feel;
But 'tis God that has bereft me,
He can all my sorrows heal."

PORTER - East side

Adaline wife of Wm. Porter, died Jan'y 1, 1875
Aged 42 Y'rs, 10 Mo's, 10 D'ys.

"Simply to thy cross I cling"

FOOTE - South side

John M. Foote, died Mar. 29, 1856
Aged 26 Y'rs, 2 Mo's, 25 D'ys.

"Gone but still remembered."

FOOTE - West side

Ira Foote, died Mar. 29, 1862
Aged 27 yrs, 10 mos, 12 dys.

Catharine wife of Ira Foote died Feb. 8, 1877
Aged 46 yrs, 2 mos, 1 Day

"Father and Mother Reunite"

We were all beginning to get tired and decided we wanted some ice cream before we headed for home. As we retraced our steps back down Route 60 to the northern edge of the village, they continusly changed their minds about what kind they wanted.

STOP 20. The Dairy Delight!

Here the children took over themselves. What a glorious time they had deciding what kind to buy. While Aunt Paula rested they did the business. They ordered their own special ice cream sundies, and one for Aunt Paula. How they delighted in being the grownups and paying for the bill themselves. We sat at a long table outside and every one soon had traces of chocolate, strawberry etc. showing somewhere on their faces. How they laughed and talked.

It was now time to start home and although we did not stop at any of the other places on the way home that we passed I am including a few of the places as additional stops so that in the years to come you will know about them and know where to find them.

We started back south on Route #60 to the stoplight in the middle of the village of New London and now we are going to pause.

STOP 21 and 22. The homes built by Benjamin Ford White on Butler and New London Eastern Road.

We did not go to these homes of your great, great, great, great grandparents Benjamin Ford and Betsey Elizabeth (Stults) White, but I do want to record the location for you so that in years to come you will know where they lived and can locate them. Instead of turning west at the stoplight to go home we will mentally turn east. We are travelling along East Main Street and will soon leave the village behind. Now we are approaching a four corners. There is a sign - Chenango Road. No this is not the place we want. We will continue on east on State Route 162 East until we get to the next four corners which is Butler Road. Now we shall stop. Here Route 162 turns north for about two miles. We will turn the corner here and start north. As you turn this corner all the land you can see on your right or on the east side of the road is land that belonged to your fourth great grandfather Benjamin Ford White.

STOP 21. First small frame house built by Benjamin Ford White and finished in 1846. Today home of Lawrence Rumsey.

We hardly get around the corner when we approach an older sprawling house on the right hand side of the road. This house has sheltered five generations of Benjamin Ford White's family. Today it is the home of Lawrence Rumsey who is a great, great, grandson of Benjamin Ford White and his wife Elizabeth (Stults). This house was finished by Benjamin about 1846. It was a very small house, but through the years it has been added on to and changed. Porches have been enclosed and new ones built on. Lawrence Rumsey's sister, Mrs. Andrew (Marian) Snyder tells me that at one time a new and larger roof with a different pitch had been added over the top of the roof of a much smaller building. Both roofs are still visible. In order to get to the attic they have to climb up a ladder to the flat roof over the kitchen and then go into the attic through a small door. It was in this home that your great, great grandfather Emery Ford Porter was born in 1851.

Now we shall retrace our steps to the corner of Butler road and Route 162 East, then we shall turn east on what is called New London Eastern Road from this corner on. Just beyond the corner on the right hand or south side of the road is a much larger house. Here we shall stop.

STOP 22. Last home built by Benjamin Ford White on New London Eastern road in 1851. Today the home of Fred Monroe.

This is a much larger home and this was the second frame

house that Benjamin Ford White built for his growing family of seven daughters. This house was finished building in 1851 but he did not have long to enjoy it as he died in 1855.

Benjamin had purchased 247 acres of land from Lane and Latimer on Jan. 3, 1839 and paid \$617.56 for this farm. This land extended both north and south of New London Eastern road along the east side of Butler road. He later sold some of this land off but he still owned about 115 acres of land when he died including the land where both houses are. After his death the land was divided between his children. One of his daughters Sarah had married John Cooke and this became their home.

Benjamin Ford White and his wife Betsey Elizabeth (Stults) White had seven daughters as follows:

1. Adaline Harriet White born Feb. 21, 1832 in Gorham, New York; died Jan. 1, 1875 in New London, Ohio and buried in Day Cemetery. She married William Porter born May 10, 1824; died May 2, 1861.
2. Mary Elizabeth White born Oct. 14, 1833 in Gorham, died April 28, 1914 buried in Day Cemetery. She married Loren W. Rumsey born Oct. 8, 1828; died Aug. 17, 1899.
3. Emma Annette White born Nov. 23, 1835 in Gorham, died Jan. 22, 1900 and buried in Day Cemetery with husband. She married Charles Edwin Russell born Sept. 22, 1835 and died April 16, 1917.
4. Sarah M. White born May 29, 1838 at New London; died July 18, 1873 at childbirth and buried in Day Cemetery. She married John Cooke born Mar. 10, 1830 who died Feb. 18, 1896.
5. Helen M. White born Sept. 10, 1843 at New London, died March 16, 1861 at New London of typhoid fever at the age of 19. Buried in Day cemetery.
6. Elizabeth (called Libby) Stults White born Oct. 5, 1848 at New London; died April 30, 1930. She married Joseph A. Coleman on July 28, 1869. He was born March 10, 1845 and died May 20, 1912.
7. Georgia Anna White born Dec. 29, 1850 at New London died May 31, 1925 at Litchfield, Ohio. She married Henry Tracy Case.

Now we shall turn around and retrace our steps back to New London. As we come to the stoplight we pause until the light changes and then proceed on west on Route 162. We cross two sets of railroad tracks and very shortly we arrive at the home where Uncle Kenneth and Aunt Paula Griffin used to live.

STOP 23. Former Home of Kenneth and Paula (Porter) Griffin at 153 West Main Street, New London. Today home of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Sexton. Built about 1915.

Here in this house Uncle Kenneth Griffin lived for over forty years. This home was purchased by his Uncle LeRoy and Aunt Martha (Springstead) Waltz in 1919. Uncle Roy died here in 1926, but his wife Martha continued to live here until her death. She was a school teacher in New London and Independence, Ohio for many years.



FARM RESIDENCE OF JOHN COOKE, NEW LONDON TOWNSHIP.

STOP 22.

An 1895 view of
the home
built by

Benjamin Ford
White
in
1851

Today
the home
of
Fred Monroe.

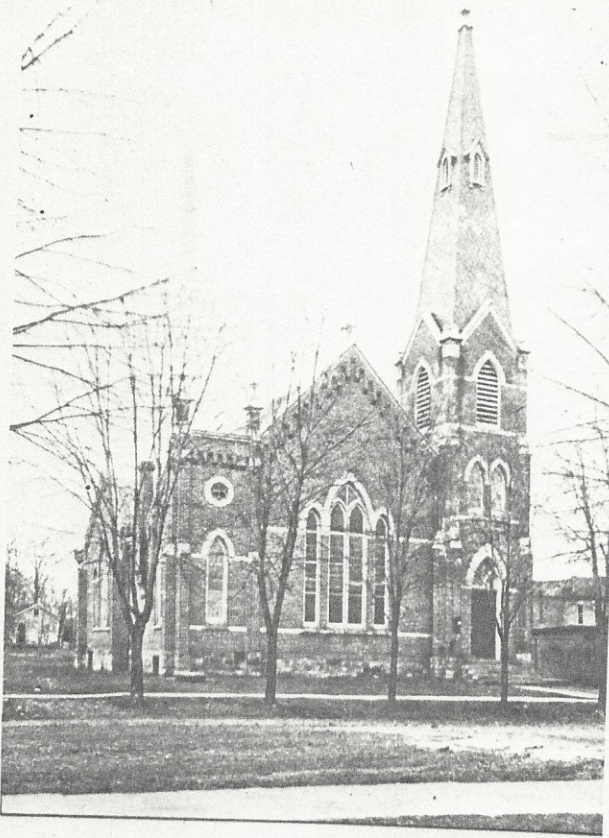
This home was built with lumber from the farm. All of the woodwork in the house is solid black walnut. Today there are five solid walnut doors in the dining room alone.

Frank Rumsey (a great grandson of Benjamin Ford White) says that one very large walnut tree was cut for this woodwork. The tree was so large that a buggy could be driven across the top of the stump.

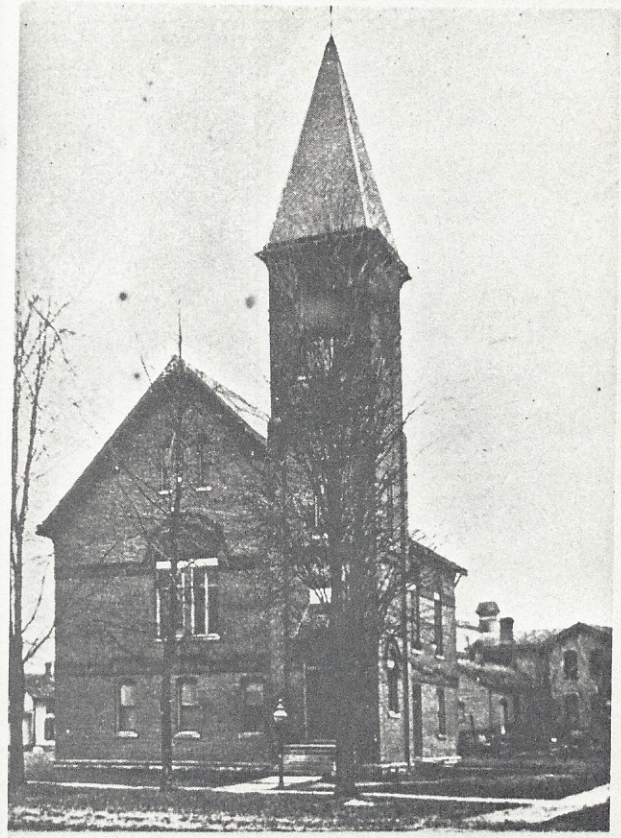
After the death of Benjamin Ford White this home passed into the possession of his son-in-law John Cooke.



Six daughters of Benjamin F. and Betsey Elizabeth White
Emma Annette (Mrs. Chas. Edwin Russell); Adaline Harriett (Mrs. William Porter); Georgianna (Mrs. Henry Tracy Case); Sarah M. (Mrs. John Cooke); Elizabeth (Mrs. Joseph A. Coleman); and Mary (Mrs. Loren Rumsey).

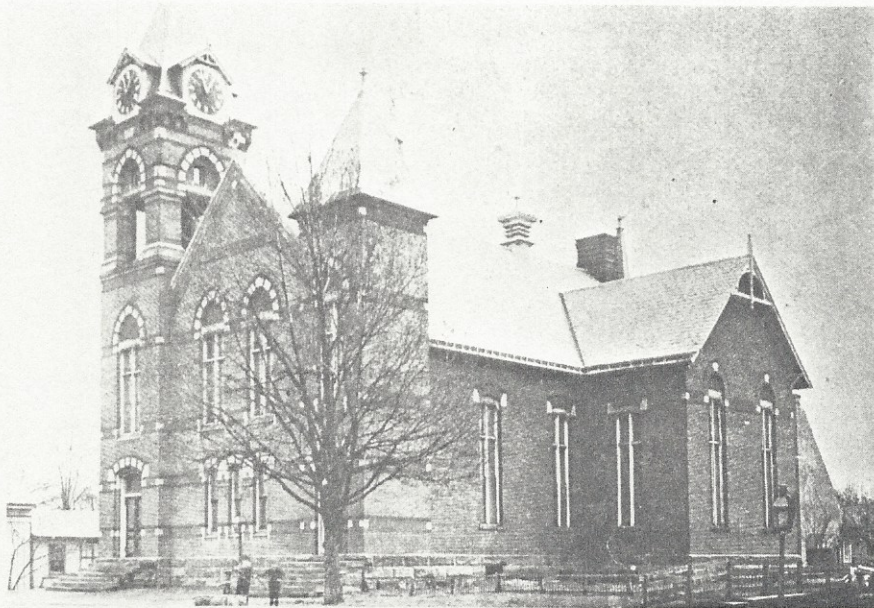


CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH AT NEW LONDON.



THE BAPTIST CHURCH, NEW LONDON.

Today the Catholic Church.



Methodist Church at New London, Ohio

STOP 18-a
First Baptist
Church.

All these
pictures
taken in
1895.

Aunt Martha was a sister of Uncle Kenneth's mother. Uncle Kenneth's mother died when he was sixteen years old and his father when he was twenty years old. After his father's death he came to live with his Aunt Martha when he was about twenty years old. Aunt Martha had no children, but she did raise a little girl named Vivian McCormick who always went by the name of Vivian Waltz. Aunt Martha's sister Lena Springstead also lived with her. Here among this family Uncle Kenneth spent his life. After Aunt Martha died, Uncle Kenneth and Aunt Paula were married on June 12, 1960 and we made our home here until we sold this lovely home and moved to the farm to a smaller home where we now live.

It was in this house that your great grandmother Marie A. Porter spent the last six years of her life. In August of 1966 she fell and broke her ankle. The doctor told her she could no longer live alone so when she came from the hospital she wanted to go to her old home and live with her son Johnson. She was there about three months and when Christmas time came she came to our house to stay for a week while Johnson and his family went to Michigan to visit Aunt June's family. After spending a week in New London with Aunt Paula and Uncle Kenneth she enjoyed seeing the children going by to school etc. that she decided she wanted to stay with us. She was our Christmas gift which came to live with us on Dec. 25, 1966, and stayed with us until less than two months before her death on March 27, 1973.

She so enjoyed her chair by the big front window where she could watch the children go back and forth to school, the people who went to the A. & P. Store, and visiting on old friend Elizabeth (Post) Carroll whom she had known from her childhood who lived just three doors to the west. Here her dog romped and played on a chain in the back yard and every day she feed and watered him, and every day she watered the fresh set fruit trees as well. She loved apples and how she revelled on the day that she picked the first apples from the trees.

Just across the street and two houses down we find the home where your great, great grandmother Eva Foote Porter lived when Aunt Paula was just a little girl.

STOP 24. Home of Emery Ford and Eva (Foote) Porter at 174 West Main Street. Today the Harold Pheifer home.

This is the home where Emery Ford Porter and his wife came to live sometime after they returned from Oberlin. My father lived here when he was a young man and worked at Cad Belville's Grocery store here in New London which used to be in the building where Young's Carpet Store is today. This building was located on the corner of East Main Street and Railroad Avenue.

Your great grandfather Willard Porter used to work at Belville's part time while he was still in High School and worked full time after he graduated. Things were a lot different in those days. They used to buy a ton and a half of bulk candy at a time. It did not come in small boxes as

we know candy to come today. Rather hard candy came in big wooden pails and when you bought candy it was all weighed out each time you purchased some, unless you bought it by the piece.

Also in this grocery store they sold Haviland China dishes. The good china that Aunt Pat Gawron has and Aunt Mary Sherman has in their china cabinets came from this store. Your great grandfather Willard Porter purchased the china that Aunt Pat has for your grandmother before they were married. The same china that Aunt Mary has was dishes that Cousin Mary Ransom had purchased and she later gave them to your great grandmother Marie and in turn she gave it to Aunt Mary Sherman.

Your great grandma Marie Porter sort of divided up a lot of the Johnson family furniture and dishes along through the years among the family.

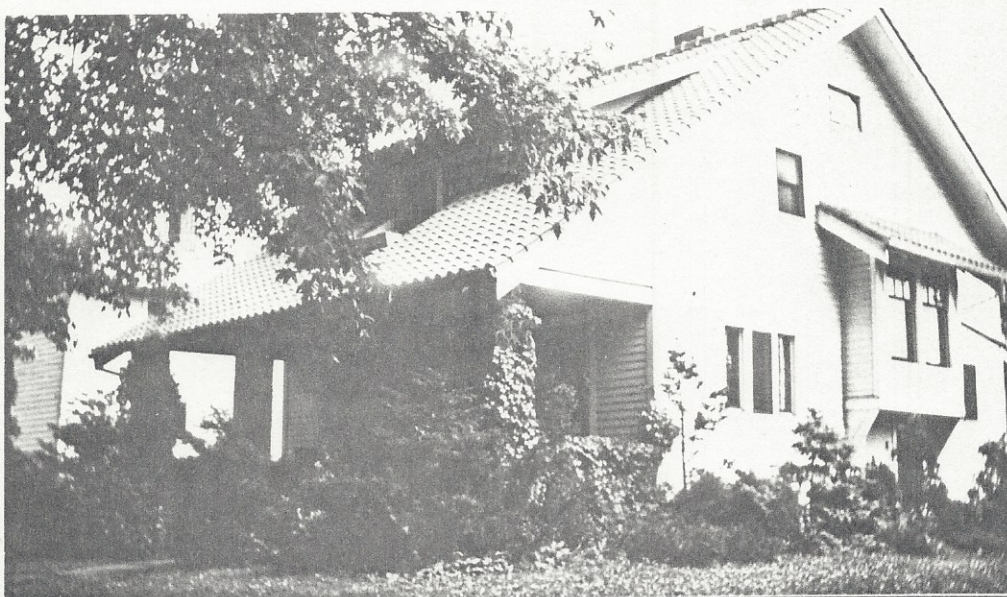
The cut glass water set that Aunt Paula keeps in her living room on a mirror in a low frame with feet was also purchased at the Belville Grocery store. The water set was the last gift that your great grandfather Willard purchased for your great grandmother Marie before they were married. It cost him \$60.00 when he bought it. Perhaps that does not seem like a lot of money today but your great grandfather Willard Porter was working in the store for \$10.00 a week. He had to go to work about five o'clock each morning and work until ten o'clock at night for six days a week to earn his \$10.00 weekly salary. Early in the morning he had to go in and build the fires and then get the store all swept out before the customers began to come in.

Great grandmother Marie Porter also had a few other pieces of cut glass which came from this store and they were wedding presents that she and Willard received when they were married on May 1, 1912. Chad and Shelli have two of the cut glass berry dishes.

Your great grandfather Willard continued to work in this store before he was married and lived at this home with his parents. Two years before he was married however, he moved out on the Ira Foote farm which belonged to his mother and started farming. He batched it in the tenant house which Catharine (Johnson) Foote had built after her husband died. While he was living on the farm he started getting lumber out to build a house in his spare time after his crops were in. This is the house that David Porter lives in today. He also was raising a lot of hogs at the time he got married.

A funny thing happened the day your great grandpa and grandma were to get married. Your Grandpa Willard Porter saw a hen come out from under the barn and she cackled. He knew she had just laid an egg so he crawled back under the barn to try and find the egg, and he got stuck under the barn, and almost didn't get to his wedding. I've heard my Dad and Mom so many times laugh and tell about it.

Here in this house in New London your great, great, grandfather Emery Ford Porter died. Your great, great grandmother Eva (Foote) Porter used to live here when Aunt Paula was just a little girl. She used to drive a horse and buggy and would come to see us quite often. When I was a



STOP 23.

Home of
Kenneth E.
Griffin

at

153 West
Main Street,
New London,
Ohio.

Marie A. Porter's
80th. Birthday
Party
Jan. 7, 1968

with her
five children.

Paula (Porter) Griffin
Lester Foote Porter
Patricia (Porter) Gawron
Johnson Golding Porter
Mary (Porter) Sherman



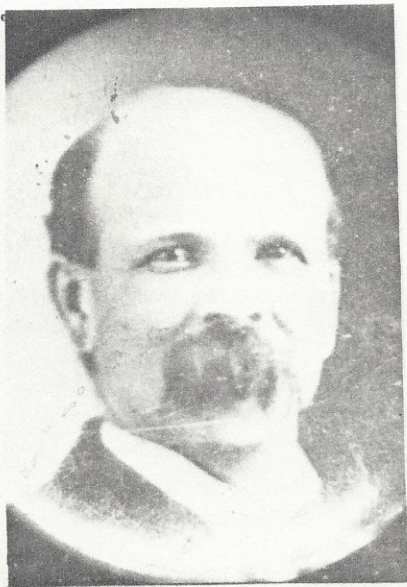
The George W. Sherman
Family.

Back row: Mary
Joyce Marie
George W.

Front row:
Georgia Ann
Marie Porter
Pamela Sue
(not pictured)
Susan Marie Sherman



Last home of Emery Ford Porter located
174 West Main Street, New London
Today home of Harold Pheifer family.



Emery Ford Porter
1851-1911

Last picture



Cora Eva (Foote) Porter
wife of Emery Ford
Porter

little girl I ran away once and my parents found me up by the corner and all I could say was "Poe horse" My grandmother Porter never wanted us children to call her grandmother. Her first grandchild was Catharine Porter Wood and she tried to call her Porter and all she could say was "Poe" so Poe she always was to all her grandchildren. Poe had been out to the house and when she went home I followed up the road looking for her and the horse. I still remember the switching I got for that.

I can remember going to this house when I was just a very little girl. I can remember pushing my baby carriage off of the front porch and down the steps and I knew better!

When I was about six or seven years old "Grandma Poe" moved to Florida to live. She had a fifth nerve in her face which was affected and she had much pain with this and took aspirin continually for the pain in her face. I can remember even in the warmest weather she always held a handkerchief over the side of her face for when the wind struck it, it made so much pain. Because of this she purchased a little home at New Port Richey, Florida and she would spend her winters there, but she always wanted to be back with us on the farm when the apple blossoms were in bloom. Then in the fall before the weather got bad she would return to Florida.

In those days our houses were not heated as they are today. There was no insulation such as we know today. I remember we used to burn wood and it was many times very cold in the house. At night we used to take a soapstone or hot bricks to bed with us to warm our beds and we slept with our feet on these hot bricks which were all wrapped in towels. We also had two fox terrier dogs which we would fight over taking to bed with us to keep our feet warm. They never got cold before morning! In the winter blankets were hung on the inside of the open stairway so the heat we had, would not go upstairs. Sometimes during very severe and very cold weather we have even hung blankets between the living room and the dining room in the archway of the house where David now lives. So what heat we had was in the dining room and kitchen and there we lived. This kind of cold weather was so hard on Grandma Poe and the warmer weather of Florida was so much better for her.

Then one summer she came back and she wasn't feeling quite as well, she seemed fine to me, but she decided when fall came that she was not going back to Florida that winter. She just seemed tired, and one day while she was up in her room resting she looked out of the big front window in her bedroom upstairs and she saw the beautiful leaves on a hard maple over across the road in the pasture. They were so brightly colored and how she talked about that tree. My Dad went over and brought a big limb of that tree back and stood it up in the corner of her bedroom and it filled the whole corner reaching clear to the ceiling and bending over. That afternoon there was a football game and Chad and Shelli's grandpa Lester was playing. My father had planned on going to the game, but he said to his mother, "I'll stay at home." She said, "Oh no. I am O.K. You go." and when we got back from the game she was sitting up in a chair visiting with an

old neighbor Bessie Sutherland and showing her some pictures. This was Friday. Saturday she seemed about the same, but Sunday morning when she awoke she was quite ill. We called the Doctor and he came immediately and was there about 9 o'clock in the morning and he said it was her heart. He told us she might live three months and she might live a week. However she went to her heavenly home before he got back to town. This was the first time we knew anything was wrong with her heart. However we did find out she had been taking four aspirins, four times a day for pain in her face for a long long time.

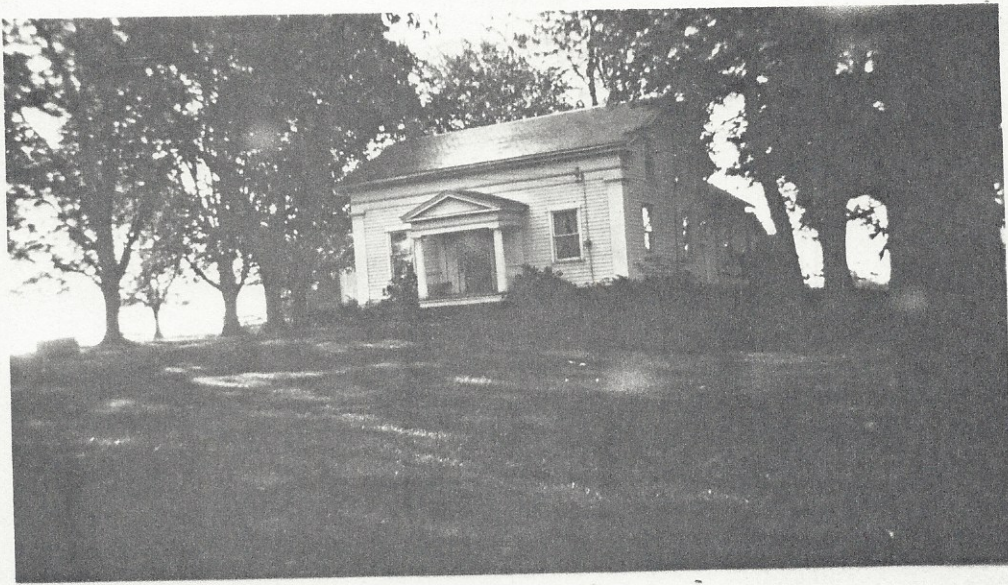
Oh, I might add, the pair of old white flaring vases with gold trim on them that Aunt Pat has were vases which were given to Poe when she was just a little girl about six years old by an old lady. As a child how I admired these, and wished they were mine.

It is time for us to stop reminiscing and move on toward home. We travelled two miles farther west on Route 162 and we come to the home where your great grandfather Willard Porter and wife Marie spent their last years on the south east corner of Route 162 and Town Line Road at what used to be called Golding's Corners.

STOP 25. Last home of Willard Foote Porter and wife Marie.
Today the home of Richard Parsons.

This old home was built by David S. Carpenter about 1852 according to Huron County Tax Records. His father was Robert Carpenter who came to the Firelands area about 1822. He purchased 167 3/4 acres of land on October 17, 1826 and later on Oct. 24, 1846 he sold a portion to his son David. Robert Carpenter was a carpenter and a wagon maker by trade and his son David also followed in his father's footsteps and was a carpenter. He built this home for he and his family. About 1947 my father and my two brothers Lester and Johnson purchased this farm and shortly afterwards Willard and his wife Marie and their two daughters Aunt Paula and Aunt Pat moved to this place leaving Johnson Porter and his family on the old home place. Johnson was married at that time and had two children Carol Anne and John. At the time this house was bought my father and brothers were operating as W. F. Porter and Sons and they had a large dairy on the home place, where David Porter lives today. Johnson needed to be where the cattle were so we moved out and left him to chase the cows when they got out.

This was a beautiful old home with a winding black walnut stairway with hand carving on the trim of the stairs and on the parlor woodwork. It was such a quiet and beautiful place with all the huge trees of maple, basswood and apple. We enjoyed living here and it was in this century old home your great grandfather Willard Foote Porter died on Feb. 13, 1954. Your great grandmother continued to live in this house along with her dog until in the fall of 1966 when she fell and broke her ankle.



Last home of Willard and Marie A. Porter.
(Old Jode Post Place)



Christmas - 1949
All of the Porter's except Mary
(she took picture)

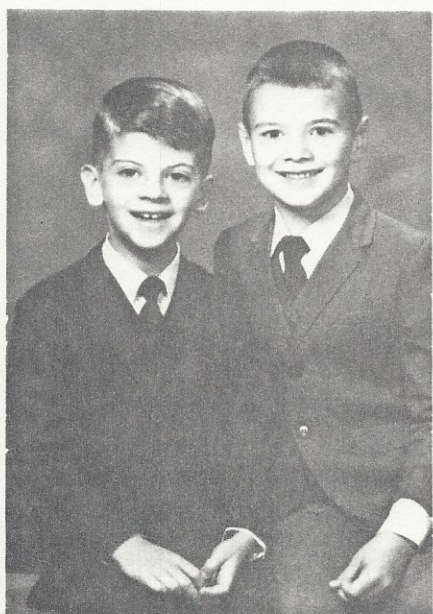
L to R-back: The Children
Grace Marie (Nuhn) Porter; Lester Foote Porter; Paula Porter;
George Warren Sherman; Patricia Porter; Edward Frank Gawron;
June Marie (Ault) Porter and Johnson Golding Porter.

The Parents
Marie Augusta (Golding) Porter and Willard Foote Porter.

The Grandchildren
John Melvin Porter, Susan Marie Sherman; Jerry Lester Porter;
Carol Anne Porter and Timothy Bruce Porter



STOP 26.
Formerly home
of
Mead & Ona
(Porter) Wood,
their
daughter
Catharine
Stiles
and
family.



Barry Allen and Jeffery Scott
Campbell
sons of
Lester & Shirley (Stiles)
Campbell.



1952 Photo of
The Earl Benson Stiles Family.
Barbara Jean, Shirley, Jeanette,
and Betty Catharine Stiles.
Grandmother: Ona (Porter) Wood.

Back Row:
Catharine Porter Wood and husband
Earl Benson Stiles.



Age 7



Age 5

Left: Lorie Dawn & Michael Bryan
Perry
Children of Philip & Barbara
(Stiles) Perry
1977 Photos.

We all loved this old home with its beautiful and spreading trees. How I loved to walk in the thick leaves which piled up in the fall. I can still remember the smell of new mown hay wafting in on the afternoon breeze from the south.

Here in this home we had a Porter Reunion in 1952 when two car loads of Porter Cousins came from Beloit, Wisconsin to see the land where their great grand father Philo Thomas Porter and family had lived before he moved to Beloit, exactly one hundred years before.

This old home has been sold off to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Parsons and they are restoring it to its splendor of yesteryears. However the land of the farm itself belongs to Lester Porter.

As we hurry on down the road just two houses beyond on the north (right) side of the road we come to a house which has recently been restored and remodeled and is now the Melvin Deppen Home.

STOP 26. Former home of Mead and Ona (Porter) Wood, also of their daughter Catharine Porter Stiles and family. Today the Melvin Deppen home.

Here on this old Wood homestead, my Aunt Ona (Porter) Wood lived when I was a child. This was the home their daughter Catharine Porter lived in when she was a child before the family moved to Florida. After Catharine's marriage to Earl Benson Stiles they made their home here and raised their three daughters, Betty Catharine, Barbara Jean and Shirley Jeannette her. Shirley's children Jeffery and Barry also lived here at one time.

I can remember coming here as a child to play with Catharine and stay with Aunt Ona. This house was built in the early 1890's and has only been out of the family the last few years.

We will continue on our way home. Just two houses beyond this on the south side of the road we come to the place where Jerry Lester Porter and his family live.

STOP 27. Home of Jerry Lester Porter, his wife Susan and Chad and Shelli.

Here is where we began our trip by picking up Shelli and Chad. They live in the home which had formerly been the home of Harry Sutherland. His parents had purchased this land and home years ago and lived here all the rest of their lives. Then their son Harry and his sister Bessie lived here for many, many years and after Harry died this century old home, which was built in 1859 was purchased by the childrens grandfather Lester Porter. This house was extensively remodeled at the time Jerry and Susan were married. What tales this old house could tell us if it could only talk.

Chad and Shelli hopped out of the car and we tell them goodbye and travel on. The very next house we come to on the same side of the road is the home where their grandfather Lester Foote Porter lives. This house is located on the southeast corner of State Route 162 East and Exchange Road.

STOP 28. Home of Lester Porter and wife Grace. Chad and Shelli's grandparents.

This is part of Almon Barnes place and the house is also a century home built in 1845 by Lewis Barnes. This place was purchased by Willard F. Porter and his two sons Lester and Johnson back about 1941 and was used along with other land to raise Hybrid Seed Corn on. Here the old barn on this place was remodeled and an addition built on to it to dry and handle seed corn. This seed business was operated for many years as W. F. Porter and Sons and after the death of their father, as Porter Seed Farms. This is where Jerry Lester and Timothy Bruce Porter grew up.

Lester Foote Porter was born June 30, 1914 and he married Grace Marie Nuhn of Vermilion, Ohio at Elyria on Oct. 31, 1941. Grace was born Jan. 13, 1921 in Vermilion the daughter of John Henry Nuhn who was a fisherman and owned property on lake front west of Vermilion. Her mother was Carrie Palhorn and her father lived in Vermilion also. Grace thinks he was born in Germany. Grace's parents both died when she was four years old. She had a twin sister Gladys Mae who married Russell Wheeler, a brother John Henry Nuhn born in 1913 and a brother Albert Nuhn born in 1905 who married Phoebe French and lived in Vermilion.

We must not stop but go on to the corner and turn down Exchange road to the first house where Christy and Sheri Porter live.

STOP 29. Sheri and Christy Porter's home, daughters of John Melvin and Sue(Riedy)Porter.

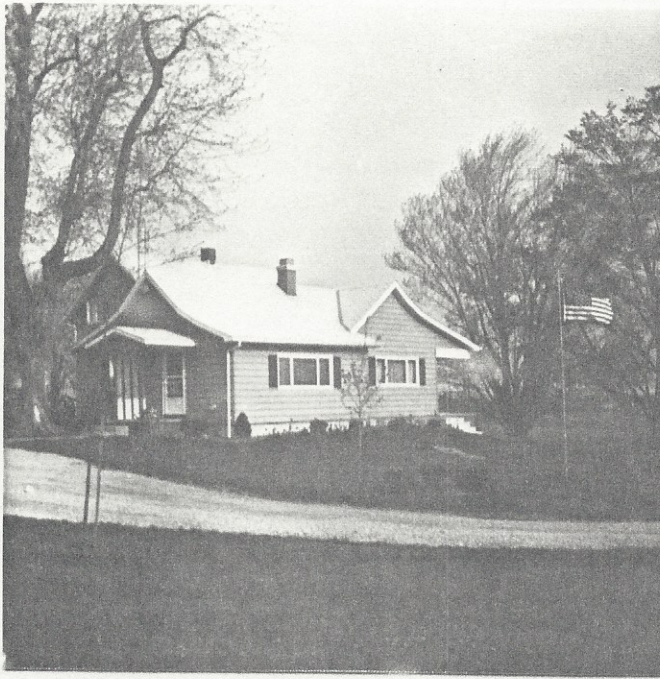
We did not tarry here. This is the place we started from on our tour and now all the children are home again and it is time for Aunt Paula to go home too. Back to State Route 162 Aunt Paula retraced her steps and turned west (right) to the third house beyond the corner on the south side of the road. Here in this century old home lives your Uncle Kenneth and Aunt Paula.

STOP 30. Home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Eugene Griffin.

Here Aunt Paula has reached her home, where she and Uncle Kenneth moved into August 1, 1974, after selling their home in New London.

This home is built on land which formerly belonged to Uncle Kenneth's step great grandmother Urana Washburn Griffin. She sold fifty three and one-half acres of land to William Palmer in 1863 on the south side of the road and here William Palmer built his home which he finished about 1869. Then William Palmer purchased fifty five acres of land from his parents Seeley and Nancy Abigail (Post) Palmer which lies mostly on the north side of the road. This land has been in the Palmer family since 1798.

This house is made of hewn timbers and the stringers in the basement still have the bark on the logs, and the walls are laid up of large and small field stones all fitted together



A back view of the home of
The Jerry Lester Porter
Family.

Spring 1974



The Jerry Porter Family
Christmas - 1976

Chad Nelson Porter
Susan Jane (Boone) Porter
Jerry Lester Porter
Rochelle Lynn Porter

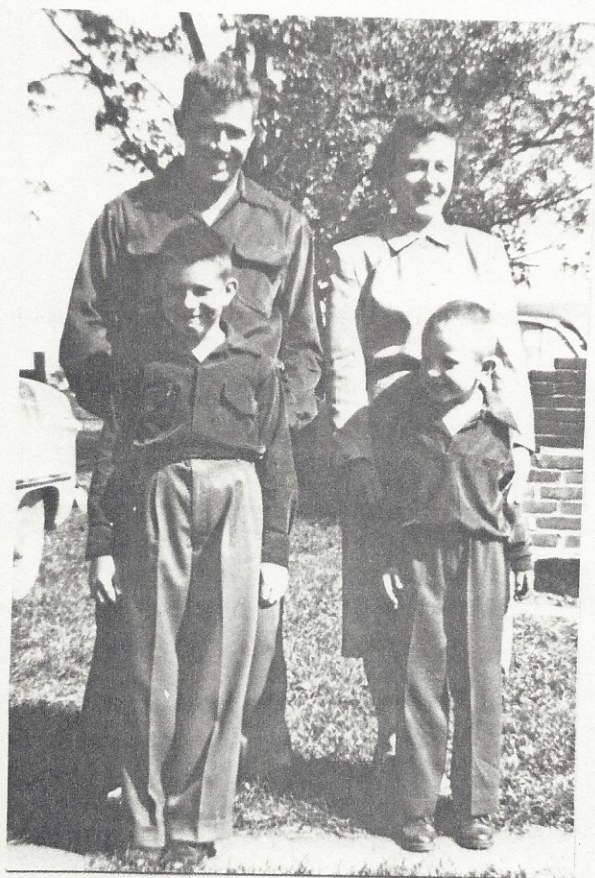


Nap Time - Christmas 1949
Carol Anne and John Melvin Porter
Susan Marie Sherman
Timothy Bruce and Jerry Lester Porter
All grandchildren of Willard & Marie Porter



Stop 28
Home
of
Lester
Foote
Porter
Family

Porter
Reunion
1952



Lester Foote Porter and
wife Grace Marie (Nuhn)
with two sons
Jerry Lester Porter
and
Timothy Bruce Porter
Porter Reunion-1952



Lester Foote Porter, age 5 yrs.
Johnson Golding Porter,
age 2 years, 7½ months.

Grandma Eva Foote Porter had
this picture taken in Greenwich
on Lester's fifth birthday, on
June 30, 1919. Dad had taken
a wagon load of wool to sell
and they all went along.



LEFT: Willard Foote Porter
Born Dec. 29, 1887.
This picture taken in Cincinnati, Ohio when Willard was seven years old. He had beautiful auburn curls.

Homer Johnson came to visit the family and he wanted to take Willard and have his hair cut. My grandmother Eva didn't want his hair cut until she could get a picture taken of him.

So Homer took Willard to photographer, R. P. Bellsmith, 148 West 4th. St., Cincinnati and had his picture taken and then to the barbers before he brought him home.

One of these curls is still in existence.

BELOW:

Piece of curl cut after the above picture was taken. Divided among the family as far as it will go.



CHRISTMAS 1921
Johnson, Mary-baby, Paula, Lester Porter

with mortar made of sand from the river and lime.

There is one thing which is different about this house. When it was first built they expected to later raise this house up and put another floor under it making it a two story house. However, William Palmer became sick and died when he was quite young leaving two little boys and this farm passed to his brother Hubbard Dennison Palmer. This home was purchased by Willard Foote Porter about 1946 and it was quite extensively remodeled in 1949 and 1950 prior to the marriage of Aunt Pat and Uncle Edward Frank Gawron. This was their first home. Seemingly through the years it has been rented and furnished a home for many newlyweds. A beautiful spot, with a little one story home sitting on a knoll overlooking most of the farm in all directions, sheltered and protected from the blazing sun by huge maples trees planted by William Palmer in 1869.

This was also Sheri and Christy's first home as their parents moved here shortly after their father John Melvin Porter was discharged from the Navy. Here they lived for six years until John built his new home where they live today. Here we shall close our trip as the sun sinks in the west.

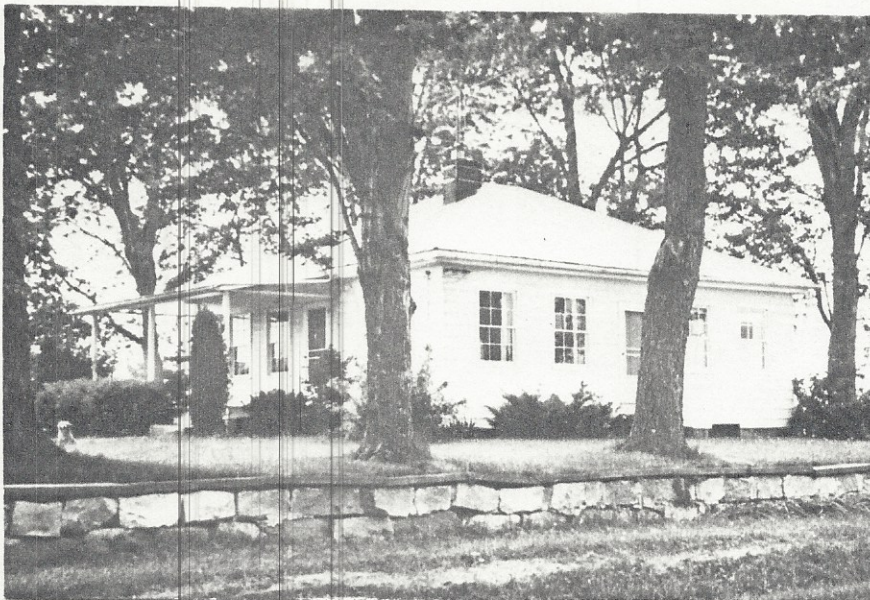
CORRECTION

Christie Lynn Porter name should be spelled Christy.

Shelli is a nickname for Rochelle Lynn Porter.

First Baptist Church - Page 58 Number 18-a; not 18.

Emery Ford Porter worked at Brown Shoe Company not the Douglass Shoe Company - Page 38 line 14.



STOP 30.

Home of
Kenneth Eugene
Griffin
and wife
Paula (Porter)
Griffin

Built in 1869
by
William Palmer.

Part of this
farm in the
family since
1798.



Willard Foote Porter
and wife
Marie Augusta (Golding)
Porter

Taken about 1950-1952
shortly before Willard
died on Feb. 13, 1954.



Paula (Porter) and husband
Kenneth E. Griffin

"PARENTS FOR A DAY"
October 24, 1970.

Paula and Kenneth Griffin
at the wedding of a young
man who lived with us for
a time.

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NOTE: In the course of indexing this book I suddenly realized I had occasionally used nicknames, first names only, or spoke of them as Cousin or Aunt. The present generation of our family will know who I mean but realizing that people unfamiliar with our family or future generations would not know, I have tried to incorporate within this Index a complete name for each person so mentioned. Some spelling of names has also been corrected in the index.